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## Singles want groups

MONTREAL —

Jewish singles in Toronto want to participate in and find satisfaction and fulfilment in Jewish community life but they want the community to understand the special problems they have to cope with, Judy Jordan told a session on singles here at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.

Chairman of a work group on singles of the social planning committee of Toronto Jewish Congress, Mrs. Jordan said there are 10,000 Jewish singles of all kinds in the 25-60 age group. About 3,000 families are one-parent headed households with about 4,500 children. Single person households total about 8,000.

Further, said Mrs. Jordan, divorces in Canada are increasing and marriages are on the decline.

The work group she heads is now in the third year of operation and, said Mrs. Jordan, "after carefully studying the situation and serving as a sounding board for opinions about various issues, we do not see singles only as clients needing counselling or therapeutic help, nor as losers in society to be relegated to a non-existent role in Jewish communal life. We see ourselves as ready and willing to be part of all aspects of Jewish life---as volunteer workers and givers, with constructive attitudes, wishing to contribute as an integral part of the total Jewish community."

Mrs. Jordan said the group's research and planning shows "a singular lack of interest on the part of many community leaders in recognizing the existence of the singles problem. Very traditional Jewish thinking projects a complete Jewish family as the only viable form and norm."

She said one Orthodox rabbi told them: "There is no singles problem. Just tell them to get married!"

Mrs. Jordan said that "whether we like it or not, whether we approve or not, the statistical evidence shows that a significant percentage of our Jewish population is single."

The work group prepared a paper which recommended the establishment of an introduction service, among other things:

Congregational and Jewish schools should fully recognize the frequent financial hardships and special problems faced by children from single parent homes.

A vocational rehabilitation and job re-entry program is needed, aimed specifically at the widowed, divorced and separated. Outreach to single parent families is especially required.

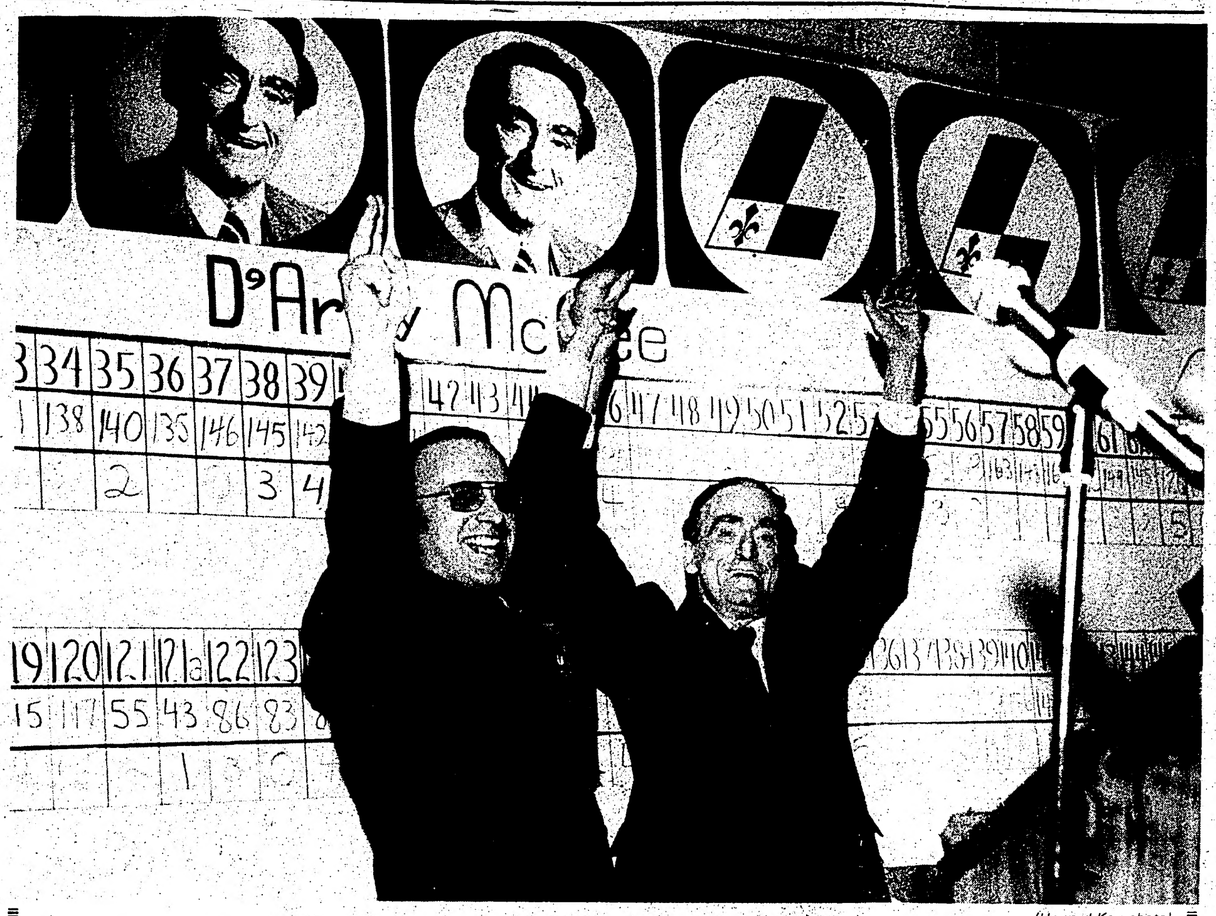
A crisis intervention and support system is required for the newly separated, divorced and widowed. This would include a hot line to refer callers to an appropriate support group.

Jewish day care is required for infants, pre-schoolers and school-age children.

Seed money is required for innovative projects relating to singles.

An information network is needed to facilitate contact with the programs and services for singles.

More volunteers are needed in the Big Brothers and Big Sisters programs at JF & CS.



(Howard Kay photo)

Herbert Marx, left, and Claude Ryan raise their hands in victory at celebration held at Beth Israel Congregation.

## Marx wants equality

By JANICE ARNOLD

Herbert Marx, the new Liberal MNA for D'Arcy McGee, says he remains committed to the establishment of a public Jewish school system that would receive 100% subsidization from the Quebec government.

"My position has always been that if we are going to maintain a confessional school system in this province then logic would dictate that all confessions should be treated equally which means there should be a Jewish school board, as there is for the Catholics and Protestants, subject to the same financing and government rules," Marx said in an interview with The Canadian Jewish News.

"The only reason why there isn't one is that there were so few Jews here in 1867. If there had been the same percentage of Jews then as there are today we would probably have had a Jewish school system," said Marx, who is expected to play a key role in drawing up the Liberal Party's constitutional stance.

A political novice virtually plucked from his academic world, Marx, 47, was swept into the National Assembly with a possibly record-breaking 96% of the vote in the D'Arcy McGee byelection last week obliterating his only opponent Parti Quebecois hopeful David Levine.

A constitutional law professor at the Universite de Montreal, Marx replaces Dr. Victor Goldbloom who resigned after 14 years in the National Assembly to take over the presidency of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. Marx will be one of two Jews sitting in the National Assembly, the other being fellow veteran Liberal Harry Blank of St. Louis riding. D'Arcy McGee, which is composed of Cote St. Luc, Hampstead, parts of Town of Mount Royal, and the Snowdown district, is about 80% Jewish and has always been a Liberal stronghold.

Marx, an early critic of Bill 101 and steadfast defender of minority rights, said the four overriding concerns of his constituents are preservation of civil liberties, Canadian unity, language rights and the economic uncertainty. These concerns also happen to be very close to Marx's heart.

The changes the community wants in the language legislation will not effect francophones," Marx stated. He believed the use of English should be permitted in such areas as business signs, the schools, and internally by educational, social and charitable agencies.

## Reports upset Sephardim

By SUSAN LAZARUS

The World Sephardi Federation, upset over recent reports that Project Renewal may become a victim of Israel's new austerity program, has sent two sharply worded telegrams to government officials protesting both the possible curtailment of the project and some aspects of the emergency austerity measures.

Project Renewal, first proposed almost two years ago, is to aid the more than 500,000 persons in 150 communities throughout Israel who live below the poverty line. Its $1.2 billion budget is equally divided between Israel and the Diaspora. One such area, Yerucham, located in the Negev North of Beersheva, is being supported by the Montreal Jewish community.

The telegrams, both signed by Nessim Gaon, president of the World Sephardi Federation, were sent to Prime Minister Menachem Begin, President Yitzhak Navon, and various Cabinet ministers. Since the Jewish Agency has been involved with Project Renewal since its inception, Leon Dulzin, chairman of the agency as well as chairman of the World Zionist Organization, was sent a copy.

## Atkey relegates move to 'yesterday's news'

By JIM TRAVERS
Southam News

TORONTO —

One of the men who urged Joe Clark to promise his government would move the Canadian Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem now says the Tory's mishandling of the issue is just "yesterday's news."

Employment and Immigration Minister Ron Atkey said here recently that the issue is no longer foremost in voter's minds and predicted neither he nor the government would suffer any political ill-effects from the promise or its reversal.

"I don't think it's a major issue at all," Atkey said in an interview. "It's an issue of the past as far as I'm concerned and most people are concerned. It's yesterday's news."

During the heat of the debate, which rocked the fledgling Tory government during its first months in office, Canadian businessmen estimated the proposed shift of the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem cost the country $47 million in contracts with Arab nations and jeopardized another $1 billion in sales.

And while the government has attempted to push the costly and embarassing fumble under the carpet, opposition leaders Pierre Trudeau and Ed Broadbent have continued to focus on the issue.

Speaking in Toronto last week, Trudeau said the promise and reversal cost Canada lucrative contracts but had the more damaging effect of undermining the country's priceless international credibility.

During the election and in office, the Tories have been criticized for making the embassy promise in what the opposition characterizes as a crass attempt to win Jewish votes in key Toronto ridings.

One of the constituencies at stake was St. Paul's where Atkey narrowly edged former secretary of state John Roberts.

Tory campaign workers admitted after the election they gained little from the embassy promise but cashed-in on an anti-Trudeau vote.

Without that to count on, Atkey agreed that, he and other Toronto area candidates will have to rely on the government's performance for re-election.

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### *More than 3,100 delegates expected*

## 55th UAHC biennial assembly meets this weekend in Toronto

TORONTO —

Delegates, to the 55th biennial assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the 32nd biennial of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods are gathering in Toronto for meetings being held this week and part of next week in the Sheraton Centre and the Hotel Toronto, in the heart of downtown Toronto.

With more than 3,100 delegates expected here (based on pre-registration projections), this could be the best attended biennial ever and certainly will be the largest assembly of Jews held in Canada.

This is the first biennial held in Toronto in 22 years (the last one was the first ever held outside the U.S.) and it's the first assembly held in the eastern part of the continent in the past six years.

This 55th biennial was supposed to have been held in Chicago, but because of complications in Illinois with ERA (the Equal Rights Amendment) which UAHC supports wholeheartedly, the decision was made to move the convention to Toronto.

A study of the pre-registration lists shows that Jewish leaders from sections of North America will be at the biennial. In addition to synagogue presidents and officials, there will be federation leaders, judges, mayors, congressman and possibly senators in attendance. It will be a cross-section of contemporary Jewish life.

Delegates will be given a truly Canadian official welcome on the Friday afternoon, complete with pipers and a youth chorus. Pauline McGibbon., lieutenant-governor of Ontario, will bring greetings from the province; Paul Godfrey, chairman of the Metropolitan Toronto Council, will welcome delegates on behalf of the Metropolitan Toronto area, and Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, president of Canadian Jewish Congress, will extend greetings from the Canadian Jewish community.

(t should be explained here, for the benefit of U.S. delegates, that Queen Elizabeth is represented in Canada by the governor-general, who resides in Ottawa, the national capital, and by a lieutenant-governor in each of the provinces. Mrs. McGibbon is the first woman to be appointed to this honored position.)

Some of the highlights of the convention include: an address by Shimon Peres, leader of the opposition in the Knesset; the Shabbat eve address by Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler; presentation of Eisendrath awards to Chief Justice Bora Laskin, of the Supreme Court of Canada; and to Hon. Arthur Goldberg, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and a former justice of the U.S. supreme court, and to Rabbi Samuel Cook, retired director of the National Federation of Temple Youth.

## *Soviet harassment smothers initiative of many thousand*

By RUTH KAHANE
AND GAYE APPLEBAUM

OTTAWA —

Harassment of Soviet Jews wishing to leave for Israel has driven thousands into silent acceptance of their persecution, a leading B'nai B'rith expert says.

Dr. William Korey, director of the international policy branch of B'nai B'rith, told delegates to the first Canadian national conference on Soviet Jewry, that, even though 50,000 Jews will have left USSR this year, therea re fewer applications for exit visas now than ever. Soviet Jewry activists in the West must work harder than ever to force the Soviet Union to live up to its human rights agreements so that refuseniks can emigrate and Russian Jews can work in their professions.

The Russian-speaking Soviet expert's keynote address to the three-day conference emphasized that the Canadian delegation to the 1980 Madrid review of the Helsinki agreement on rights and freedoms, must be kept aware of the Soviet Union's systematic and deliberate violations of that document in the continuous persecution of the Soviet Jews.

Dr. Korey told the Canadian Committee on Soviet Jewry that at present some 3,000 refuseniks cannot emigrate or work in their professions, despite the fact that the Soviet Union is a signator to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the 1975 Helsinki Accords.

"We must fight for the freedom of the Soviet Jews. Freedom is a concept that has come to mean whatever the speaker chooses it to mean. There is now a corruption of language not seen since the Forties when words served the manipulative purposes of totalitarian regimes.

"We must expose the Soviet Union's constant violation of the principles of freedom as understood in the human rights documents, for the sake of the three million Jews left in the Soviet Union" he said.

Korey said Soviet authorities have stepped up their propaganda campaigns and Zionism is assaulted relentlessly, with claims that Zionists are responsible for every kind of evil, even for Hitlerism and their own death camps. The rise in anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist literature has now exceeded the proportions of Stalinism.

Long-time Soviet observers are not surprised, he said, to see the resurfacing of the 'Chosen People-Messiah' concept as a tool against Jews. Even in Toronto, in 1978, participants at a science fair were deluged with the **Sword of David** pamphlet, written by a supposed Jew, Leo Korn. B'nai Brith research revealed that the work was actually by Lev Korniev, a well-known anti-Semitic journalist.

Dr. Korey also spoke of the more positive results that this pressure has created. He said Jews remaining in the Soviet Union, the remnants of a great culture decimated by one-third during the Holocaust, have a vibrant counterculture.

"Out of the ashes of a decimated culture rises a phoenix of a throbbing Jewish culture. Jewish life continues in the Soviet Union despite legislation that prohibits it and an anti-Semitic campaign that publically denounces it."

However, he said, the future is bleak for young Jews because universities have adhered to restricted Jewish quotas since 1946 and no longer admit any more than a handful each year. This is true even in the more remote republics. Korey said until 1969, Jewish enrolment was still high in the scientific and cultural fields, but after the Six Day War, the Jewish quota was greatly reduced.

Korey said he views the signing of the 1975 Helsinki Final Act as a major turning point for the cause to aid Soviet Jewry. Article 13 states that any person can emigrate from one country to another. Article 3 reaffirms the right of individuals to be reunited with families.

Though Soviet violation of the accords is sanctioned by Soviet action, the Jewish dissident voice is growing louder with each new violation. He said the West should be able to exert considerable pressure on the USSR in Madrid in 1980.

Korey praised Canada's strong position at Helsinki which forced the 35 delegations to accept the inclusion of human rights in the text. He said Canadian External Affairs Minister Flora MacDonald's blunt address at the United Nations was praiseworthy. He exhorted the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry to step up its work at home so the Canadian delegation to the Madrid review will be fully aware of the severity of Soviet Jewish persecution and of the denial of rights accorded all other ethnic groups in the Soviet Union.

He said the incidents of harassment of individuals whose sole crime is a desire to immigrate to Israel must be documented and exposed. He referred to special conference guest Boris Penson, a former prisoner of Zion, as "an extraordinary phenomenon, a living symbol."

Emil Fackenheim speaks as conference organizer, Rabbi Don Gerber, seated, looks on. Many crucial issues were aired.

## Carter accused of using Jews for re-election

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y. —

Rabbi Alexander Schindler has accused the Carter Administration of exploiting the American Jewish community for political reasons and declared that he will not work for the re-election of President Carter whose handling of the Andrew Young resignation, he claimed, was a form of "political anti-Semitism."

Schindler, a leader of Reform Judaism who is president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and a past chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, participated in a dialogue before 2,000 delegates to the biennial convention of the United Synagogue of America, the congregational arm of Conservative Judaism. He said he believed he was the first Reform leader ever invited to a United Synagogue convention.

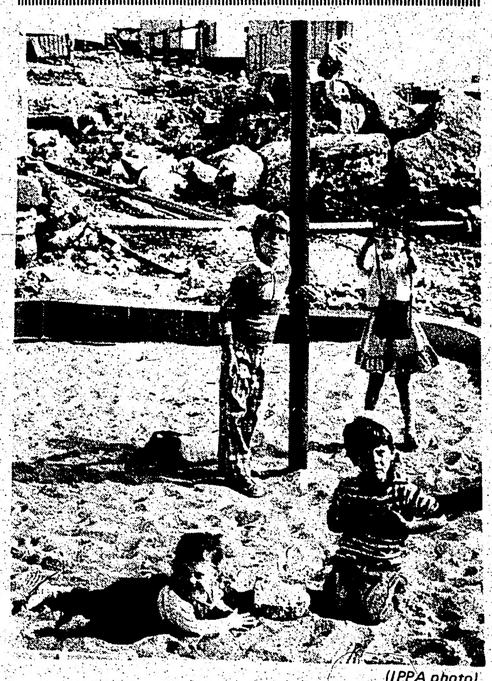
His fellow panelist was Theodore Mann, chairman of the Presidents Conference, and the moderator was another past Conference chairman, Jacob Stein.

Schindler contended that the Carter Administration had long wanted to drop Young and that the former UN envoy's talk with the Palestine Liberation Organization envoy was a perfect opportunity to force his resignation and deflect Black anger against American Jews.

He said: "I see a hell of a lot of people that would be better *than this Administration*," adding that *"If Carter* and (John) Connally (a declared Republican Presidential candidate) confront each other (in the 1980 elections) I'll commit suicide." Connally angered Jews in a recent speech linking Middle East oil supplies to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Mann and Schindler agreed that American Jews should dissent if they do not agree with Israeli positions but that they should express themselves privately to Israel and not publicly in the U.S. Nevertheless, both panelists discussed the issue of Israeli settlements on the West Bank.

Schindler said he favored "any and all settlements necessary for the defense of Israel provided that they don't involve expropriation of land." He said he rejected the notion that the settlements are an obstacle to peace in the Middle East. "I hear more complaints about it in Washington than I do in Cairo," he said. He claimed that Israel's right to sovereignty on the West Bank is "at least as good as anyone else's."



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Children of the Gush Emunim settlement of Elon Moreh play in a makeshift kindergarten oblivious to the threat of eviction that hangs over their head. The debates continue.

# World News

## Dirty water purified, put to good use by farmers

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

HAIFA, Israel —

Polluted waste water isn't given a second thought in countries overflowing with water. But in Israel, a nation critically short of the liquid of life, waste water is of crucial importance.

The Technion, one of Israel's leading scientific research centres, has become an internationally recognized pioneer in demonstrating to skeptics that waste water can indeed be used fruitfully.

"Israel is using all its water, which isn't much, and we have no hope of finding new sources," explains Reuven Moraine, a senior research engineer in the department of environmental engineering. "The ideal long-term solution is desalination. But that's expensive and Israel can't afford it. Our near-term solution can be renovated sewage water."

Treated sewage water is already being put to good use throughout Israel.

Thanks to a Technion project whose theoretical basis was developed at the University of California, treated waste water runs some factories in Haifa Bay and irrigates cotton fields in the Jezreel Valley. And on a few kibbutzim and moshavim, farmers feed chickens and fish with dried algae grown in purified sewage water.

"Unlike more fortunate countries with sufficient water supplies, Israel literally has no choice but to use w aste water," says Prof. Menachem Rebhun, adding that reclaimed waste water may one day account for about 15% of Israel's total water supply.

One of the largest Technion projects is overseen by Prof. Gedaliahu Shelef.

Shelef uses the process of photosynthesis bacterial action and algae production to purify waste water while producing an algae that can be used in place of soybeans and fishmeal as a source of food for chickens and fish — two of Israel's key agricultural products.

Gedaliahu Shelef of the Technion examines a vial of water that has been treated.

At a Technion pilot plant in the shadow of scenic Mount Carmel, Shelef and his staff receive a steady supply of Haifa's waste water, which is left in shallow ponds, exposed to the sun.

The result: a process called aerobic digestion, in which photosynthesis acts on the carbohydrates in the waste water to produce a bio-mass of algae and bacteria. They, in turn, create oxygen and carbon dioxide, which speeds the bio-degradation and digestion of the waste water. Once the waste water has been sufficiently purified, the algae is skimmed off the top of the "green soup" in the pond and dried.

Once dried, it can be used as high protein animal feed. According to Moraine, Israel could produce quite a lot of dry algae per year if all the sewage water in the land was purified and run through a similar process.

At present, soybeans and fishmeal are expensive imported items. Israel uses about 1,000 tons of soybeans and 2,000 tons of fishmeal every day. Soybeans are $250 per ton; fishmeal, $500. Thus, homegrown animal feed would represent a saving of millions of dollars in foreign currency for Israel.

It would also free Israel from dependence on fishmeal, the source for which almost disappeared several years ago when the great anchovy schools died off the Peruvian coastline.

"The algae system is therefore very attractive economically," Shelef says, "as it simultaneously serves three purposes: treatment of wastes, water reclamation and protein production."

He adds: "There is something very grand, but at the same time very humble and earthy about a farming unit sustaining itself on its own refuse, and wasting absolutely nothing.

"Our approach at the Technion is to look at waste water as a valuable resource to be harnessed, and not as an evil to be disposed of, as it is in most parts of the world. Our approach gives industries and municipalities an important incentive to clean up the environment. When they begin to see waste water as the source of a useful and potentially profitable purified effluent, they will no longer allow it to escape untreated into our rivers and into the sea."

Says Jacob Mevorach, head of the Technion's Siegel Hydraulics Laboratory: "I don't believe there is any country in the world doing as much work in this field."

Four plants based on the Technion's system are presently being built in Jamaica and Antigua, and the United Nations is considering using this technology in Japan, Okinawa, Singapore, Thailand and Guatemala.

In the spirit of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, Shelef says the Technion stands ready to co-operate with Egyptian scientists on the problem of waste water.

"Both Israel and Egypt need quite a lot of fertilizers for their agriculture. But fertilizers are expensive, they consume energy and they ultimately pollute. The problem posed by waste water collection and treatment must be dealt with, and the sooner the better.

"We're doing parallel work in the photosynthetic waste water treatment based on algae, and we both receive grants from the West German government. Until now, we had to send information to Germany, and from Germany it was transmitted to Egypt, and vice versa. We are looking forward to the day when we can do away with this indirect, inefficient way of exchanging scientific information."

## *Visiting Soviet officials deny exit visas withheld*

DENVER, COLO. [JTA] —

Members of a visiting delegation of Soviet officials responded to questions about broken promises in regard to exit visas for Jewish would-be emigrants and about officially-inspired anti-Semitic publications in the USSR by denials and warnings about interference in Soviet internal affairs, a co-chairwoman of the Committee of Concern for Soviet Jewry reported.

The co - chairmen, Mrs. Lillian Hoffman and Mrs. Rhoda Friedman, were invited by Rep. Timothy E. Wirth (D. Colo.) to a breakfast meeting with the five members of the Soviet Union's Supreme Soviet.

During a question and answer period following a talk by Sergey Medunov, head of the delegation, and First Secretary of the Krasnodar Region Party committee, Mrs. Hoffman raised the issue of Soviet Jewish emigration. She said she referred to a recent meeting between Robert Hawke, the Australian labor leader, and Soviet officials when, she said, promises were made to release the Prisoners of Conscience and to grant visas to long-term refusniks — over five years.

She said Medunov replied that there has been discussion in some Soviet circles on the matter, that Soviet officials detain persons who have state secrets just as any other country would do, and that there was no truth that the prisoners were jailed for taking part in the emigration movement — as Mrs. Hoffman had suggested to him.

She said Medunov also had replied that the prisoners had been guilty of criminal activities, that trials were held according to state law, that refusals were not forever and that cases would be reviewed and that prisoners eventually would get out.

Medunov also replied that some persons made "The mistake" of coupling human rights with state rights and that "we do not want interference in our internal affairs," a statement Mrs. Hoffman said he made very emphatically.

In the evening, State Senator Dennis Gallagher, interfaith chairman for the committee of concern, and his wife were hosts for a dinner for two of the Soviet officials, to which Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. Friedman were invited as Committee of Concern leaders.

The two Russians were Boris Stukalin, chairman of the state committee on publishing houses, polygraphy and book trade; and Aleksey Obukov, of the American section of the ministry of foreign affairs. An excellent speaker in English, Obukov served as Stukalin's translator.

Mrs. Friedman expressed deep concern over the "obvious increase" in the publication of anti-Semitic literature emanating from the Soviet Union, specifically citing several well-known anti-Jewish propagandists and their writings. She asked for an explanation of the vast distribution of such material, which she said was obviously officially endorsed despite the Soviet Union's alleged ban on publication of "hate" material.

Stukalin responded that those writers were anti-Zionist, not anti-Semitic. Asked to define Zionism, he said it was racist, nationalistic and represented Jews who think they are superior to others.

Several references were made at the dinner to Prisoners of Conscience as being criminals and reiteration by the Soviet officials that Americans should not interfere in Soviet internal affairs. The Soviet visitors said the USSR did not interfere in American affairs.

## Pair found guilty

NEW YORK, [JCNS] —

When Irving Sussman, a 65-year-old plumber, was murdered in Borough Park last year as he returned from Sabbath services, Chasidim rampaged through the local police precinct, battling with hundreds of officers.

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## HEBREW LESSON

*In line with Prime Minister Menachem Begin's urging that Jews in the Diaspora learn Hebrew, the Keren Hatarbut Institute of The Canadian Zionist Federation has prepared a number of lessons in basic Hebrew. They were compiled by Joseph Klinger, executive director.*

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## *'State considers us second-class', Rabbi Ady Assaby claims*

# Reform Judaism in Israel oppressed

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO — Reform Judaism in Israel is being oppressed by the state, but the movement will be accepted by the government within 25 years, the leader of Israeli Reform Jewry believes.

"The state considers us second-class," Rabbi Ady Assaby, director of the Israel Movement For Progressive Judaism, said. "We're definitely oppressed."

Assaby, a tall, athletic-looking man of 34, was in Toronto to confer with Reform leaders here. His host was Rabbi Michael Stroh of Temple Har Zion. He also visited Montreal and Ottawa.

The Reform movement in Israel is about 20 years old and, like Conservative Judaism, it is not recognized by the government. "According to the state, you're either Orthodox or secular," Assaby explained in an interview.

Today, there are 14 Reform temples in Israel from Nahariya to Beersheba, housed in rented accommodations. Each temple has a following of about 100 families. With two exceptions, Reform Judaism in the Jewish state has been unable to obtain land on which to build permanent structures.

Reform rabbis are not recognized as such and, therfore, cannot officiate at marriages and funerals, or serve as chaplains in the armed forces, Assaby said.

And the government declines to grant funds, or allowances, to non-Orthodox Jewish religious institutions.

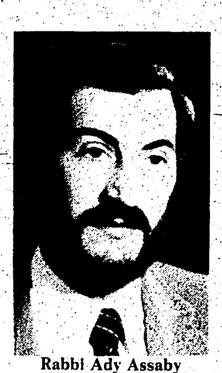
"Moslem and Christian clergy receive grants, and recognition, but non-Orthodox rabbis do not," said Assaby, a native of Tel Aviv who lives in Netanya and works in Jerusalem. "This is the case, although Israel's Declaration of Independence speaks of freedom of religious expression."

Earlier this year, the city of Tel Aviv gave the movement a plot of land on which to construct an all-purpose Reform centre, and the Ministry of Religion provided a one-time grant to cover one percent of the cost of building a synagogue within the Leo Baeck School complex in Haifa.

Other than that, the Reform movement has not been the recipient of state largesse, Assaby noted.

He said the Reform movement is the object of discrimination because successive Israeli governments have required political support from the National Religious Party. The NRP, in turn, has demanded that only one branch of Judaism, Orthodoxy, be recognized by the government.

"Israel is probably the only country in the world where an anti-religious, secular member of parliament votes for a bill of religious coercion in order to keep his seat in government," Assaby declared, referring to numerous occasions in the last 30 years



Rabbi Ady Assaby

when Mapai and Mapam representatives in the Knesset have voted for religious bills that do not reflect the views of most Israelis.

Assaby said at least 70% of Israelis are secular-minded, with the balance divided between observant and Orthodox Jews.

"We have no quarrel with Orthodoxy," he explained. "We don't ask them to change, but not to coerce."

The young rabbi said Israeli's political and educational systems indoctrinate students and citizens alike to believe that Orthodoxy is the sole legitimate form of religious expression.

And, since the Orthodox branch has virtual veto power over marriage, education and burial, this myth is perpetuated, he said.

Compared with Orthodoxy, the Reform movement has liberal views on an assortment of current issues.

Assaby is in favor of an abortion bill now in the Knesset. But he said he opposes abortion on demand, unless there are very good reasons for performing such an abortion.

He thinks that all Israelis should serve in the armed forces. "Being religious is no reason for not serving in the army. There's no such halachic prohibition," said Assaby, who spends at least 40 days on reserve duty every year.

Public transportation on the Sabbath, now prohibited except in Haifa, should be available universally he commented. "From the point of view of social justice, since the poor can't afford cars or taxis, public transport should run on the Sabbath."

Assaby said conversion laws are too rigid, though he said he would not marry a Jew and a non-Jew if the latter had not already converted.

As for the future of the occupied areas, a subject that has stirred controversy in all religious circles in the country, Assaby said: "The highest value we cherish is that of human life, and therefore, territory is not holy, whoever rules over it . . . Within the context of a peace agreement, I'm willing to return territories."

He said the rise of a Palestinian state was "inevitable, though I don't know where and how it'll be formed. But we should entertain the idea of thinking in those terms." Assaby said his views on the territories were personal.

Asked about the movement's future, Assaby said it is lobbying to change the religious status quo, but admitted that "our chances are meagre under the existing political system."

He urged Reform Jews in the Diaspora to do more than they have done to speak out on the issues.

Assaby said the movement is increasing its activities. As an example, he cited the ordination next February of Israel's first trained Reform rabbi at Jerusalem's Hebrew Union College.

He said the movement would be accepted by the state as a legitimate religious expression within a generation because Israelis "thirst for some form of authentic, creative kind of Judaism.

"The Orthodox movement is not creative because it doesn't change. And it's not authentic because the laws of Orthodox Judaism pertain to a minority in the Jewish community."

In time, the government will respond to these spiritual stirrings and take appropriate action to legitimize Israel's Reform movement, Assaby forecasted.

In an interview, Rabbi Michael Stroh said Diaspora Jewry is doing its utmost to work for a change of attitude in Israel.

"Our ultimate weapon, a denial of funds for Israel, hasn't been used," he said. "When Israel's survival is still at stake, other questions, as important as they may be, must be secondary.

"This does create conflicts for Reform Jews outside Israel, and it's remarkable that Reform Jewry has been so supportive of Israel. I don't think Orthodoxy would be so supportive if they were in our position."

He predicted that Israelis would turn to Reform Judaism, since secularism "is not a permanent solution to Jewish identity," and since the majority of Israelis reject Orthodoxy.

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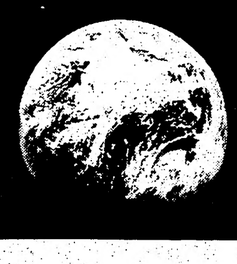

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# *Conference on Soviet Jewry reaches ambiguous conclusions*

By GAYE APPLEBAUM and RUTH KAHANE

OTTAWA — The plight of Soviet Jewry has reached the height of ambiguity -- with more exit visas being issued than ever, while government-provoked anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism increases.

This was the focus of a three-day conference on Soviet Jewry held recently in Ottawa as the first national meeting of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry. Organized by Ottawa Reform Rabbi Donald Gerber, the conference brought together 70 Canadian delegates to be informed by leading Western experts and activists, and a face-to-face appraisal of the movement by press, government representatives, and Canadian external affairs minister Flora MacDonald.

The delegation learned that in 1979, some 50,000 Russian Jews received exit visas. This unprecedented emigration is due to the approaching Olympics, but at the same time, it has been coupled with increased harassment of individuals applying for exit visas, charges of parasitism, loss of jobs, and actually a decrease in exit visa applications since 1978.

Increasing harassment has apparently driven many into silence. Although 4,800 Jews left the USSR in October, there are still 3,000 refuseniks who can neither leave nor work in their chosen professions.

There are few worries about the Moscow Olympics, because, it was said, it seems unlikely the Russians will go back on their iron-clad assurances to the International Olympic Committee to allow all member states to participate. Contingency plans are being organized, should the Soviet authorities cancel Israeli visas at the last minute, or deny Kol Yisrael its TV broadcasting rights.

It was determined that the main sphere of activity should be directed toward the Madrid Review of the Helsinki Accords, scheduled for November 1980. The Soviet Union, as one of 35 signatories to a document that clearly defines human rights and freedoms, is accountable for its continuous and flagrant violations of the articles of that document.

McGill University law professor Irwin Cotler said it was incumbent upon the Canadian government to hold the Soviets to account, because Canadian insistence first assured inclusion in the Accords text--of the right to emigration and the right to family re-unification.

Cotler told the delegates the tide has turned and human rights can no longer be regarded as an internal matter. Cotler paid tribute to special guest, former Prisoner of Zion Boris Penson, one of the Leningrad Ten. He said his devotion to the ideals of Judaism and freedom were truly heroic. Cotler said he felt that the 1970 Leningrad Trials inspired both the birth of the aliyah movement in the USSR and the Soviet Jewry movement in the West.

"However, with Scharansky, Nudel, Slepak and Begun still languishing in Soviet prisons and exile, we can ill afford to sit back and congratulate ourselves on the release of the 50,000.

"There is, I notice, a certain malaise, a fatigue, a tiredness among Jews in North America. We are being assaulted from without and there is confusion from within," Cotler said.

Professor Emil Fackenheim from University of Toronto reiterated that message, saying, people have become so "me"-oriented that there is less commitment to the plight of the Soviet Jew. We must strive, despite the tiredness, he said, because the world always tires of its Jews. The war against the Jews has not stopped, it has simply taken another turn, he said.

Boris Penson, speaking through translator Genya Intrator, vice-chairman for the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, delivered an emotional recounting of his nine years' imprisonment for the attempted highjacking of a plane to Israel.

"Of course we thought we'd get to Israel," he said. "We couldn't tolerate the continuous media barrage that there was no Jewish problem, that no one wished to emigrate to Israel. We wanted to show that many wanted to leave."

Penson said he feels that conditions in Soviet prisons and prison camps are worse than in other countries. It was especially bad for someone Jewish in prison, he said, as harrassment was more regular and more vindictive. Seven of the Prisoners of Zion were released without warning and there is fear for the remaining three.

There is a limit to all tolerance. Even Lev Mendelevith who has remained Orthodox and observant throughout his prison term is showing signs of strain, he said.

Addressing the closing banquet, external affairs minister Flora MacDonald said there is a need for continued effort on behalf of all those denied basic human rights, whether in the Soviet Union or elsewhere. With Madrid approaching in a year, the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Commons is about to set in motion a sub-committee that will address itself to all violations of principles in the Helsinki Accords. Canada must take a strong position at Madrid and must provide stronger input to international conferences than it has to date, she said.

Canada needs input

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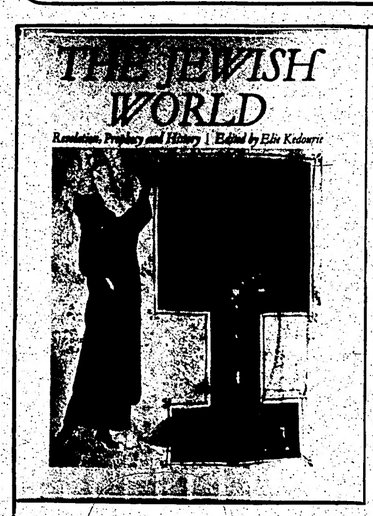


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## *Gains and losses*

# Without fear

During remarks he made at a testimonial dinner in his honor, Norman May, a past co-chairman of the Canada Israel Committee, praised the democratic character of Canadian political life.

Mr. May, whose tenure of office included a period of great turbulence (the Habitat conference in Vancouver), indicated that while his committee's views were not always accepted, they were given a fair and courteous hearing.

It is appropriate to keep in mind, especially in these days of chaos on the international political scene, that the essential democratic soundness of the Canadian system remains constant.

The Jewish community has the right, even the obligation, to utilize all the channels available to bring to the attention of our elected representatives community views on Israel, Soviet Jewry and the domestic problem of the Arab boycott.

It is to the credit of the present government, and to the previous one, that access has been permitted to the highest echelon of our political system. The reception accorded Canadian Jewish spokesmen has been congenial. Discussions have been open, frank and generally without rancor.

There have been some gains, from the Jewish point of view; there have also been some set-backs. The door to Ottawa, however, remains open. In the spirit of democratic encounter our leaders will go through that door without fear.

## *'Structurally anti-Semitic'*

# Tainted Passion Play

The Bavarian town of Oberammergau stages a spectacular theatrical production called the Passion Play every 10 years, and has done so for the last 350 years. Because the play has been described as anti-Semitic, pressure has been brought to bear on Oberammergau of late by the American Jewish community to cleanse the Passion Play of its objectionable content.

Community elders in Oberammergau, after a long, contentious debate, decided to heed the advice of the American Jewish Committee. Or so it was thought. It now appears that the Passion Play, due to be staged in 1980, is "structurally anti-Semitic." Or, as an AJC study put it: "As it stands, the drama retains an anti-Jewish impact despite the well-intentioned efforts of those who have revised it."

To be sure the organizers have made a serious effort to rid the play of accusations of collective Jewish guilt over the death of Jesus, and they have deleted allegations that God has rejected the Jewish people.

However, Jewish leaders are still viewed as hateful enemies of Jesus, and Pilate is portrayed as a sympathetic weakling who is forced into condemning Jesus by the cruel Jews. Jewish law is depicted falsely as harsh and punitive, while the Jewish people still call down the blood curse upon themselves and their children.

"In short, revision of the Oberammergau drama has taken the form of substantial cutting, but not of essential rethinking," the AJC study concludes.

In this day and age, the staging of an implicitly anti-Semitic play is not only blatantly insensitive, but intolerable as well. The Passion Play attracts theatre-goers from all over West Germany and the Western world, and to perpetuate anti-Semitic canards before such an audience is to open the wounds of the past.

If the townspeople of Oberammergau are really serious about coming to terms with the past, they should dispense with the current script and use an acceptable 19th century version which is not tainted by anti-Semitic references.

West Germany's efforts to atone for Nazi crimes against humanity will not be furthered if Oberammergau goes ahead and stages its anti-Semitic Passion Play.

# We are honored

Speaking at the recent General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Montreal, Torsten Press, of Stockholm, Sweden, commented that "there are more Jews here today than there are in all of Norway and Finland."

He marvelled at the fact that "we are all links in a chain that stretches back for 4,000 years."

That chain is extended even more this week, as more than 3,100 delegates pour into Toronto for the 55th biennial assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the 32nd biennial of the National Federation of Temple sisterhoods.

It is really quite remarkable that so many Jews — particularly from North America — feel so strongly about their Judaism that they find the time and the energy to meet on frequent occasions, in large numbers, to analyze and, perhaps criticize their past actions and plan constructively for the future. Surely this is a clear sign that Judaism is alive and flourishing and that those who fear for the continuity of Jewish life are needlessly pessimistic.

Canadian Jews are proud and honored that our country was selected for two such major assemblies. It is a tribute to the strong position Judaism holds in the Canadian mosaic, which we hope will be reflected in our hospitality.

# Coughlin's folly

Charles E. Coughlin, the so-called radio priest of the 1930s, was an apostle of fear, a fascist in conservative garb. Thundering against the evils of capitalism, Communism, labor unions, Wall Street and "the international money-changers in the temple," Coughlin was a right-wing populist whose message of hatred and divisiveness tarnished the Roman Catholic church and intimidated the American Jewish community.

A Canadian by birth, Couglin reached the height of his nefarious influence during the Depression, when economic conditions were ripe for the rise of such a political blusterer. In clear, articulate tones, he railed against his enemies, much to the apparent satisfaction of millions of disaffected Americans who were swayed by his brand of simplistic analysis.

Until the Depression, he was a simple parish priest in a Detroit suburb, but in 1928 his life changed. Given a radio platform to explain Roman Catholicism, Coughlin began to branch away from his subject of expertise as the Depression deepened. His first targets were the Communists, and success followed. CBS radio provided him with a national time slot on Sunday and he gained a nation-wide audience.

For a while, Coughlin supported the administration of President Franklin Roosevelt, coining the slogan "Roosevelt or Ruin." But the priest moved from the New Deal to isolation and anti-unionism. CBS dropped him, but Coughlin put together his own network of stations. In 1936, he founded a magazine, Social Justice, which became an instrument of anti-Semitism.

Though the church rebuked Coughlin for his rhetoric and his friendly references to Hitler and Mussolini, he thrived in the limelight, appearing at pro-Nazi German-American Band rallies and calling for a corporate state strongly resembling that of Hitler's Germany.

Meanwhile, his broadcasts and his magazine became increasingly anti-Semitic. Social Justice even published the **Protocols of the Elders of Zion**, and Units of the Christian Front group, which he backed, made raids on Jewish institutions and businesses. By 1936, the year of the presidential race, he excoriated President Roosevelt as "anti-God," and ran as a candidate.

After Pearl Harbor, Coughlin continued to be at the centre of nationalist, isolationist and pro-Nazi organizations, claiming that the Second World War had been caused by a British-Jewish-Roosevelt conspiracy. Under church pressure, he stopped his radio program, and the federal government squelched Social Justice, arguing that it gave aid and comfort to the enemy. For good measure, the post office barred it from the mails. It went out of business.

On church orders, he gave up politics and returned to his parish. He retired from his pulpit in 1966. Eleven years ago, when he was 77, he told an interviewer that he "couldn't honestly take back much of what I said and did in the old days when people still listened to me."

At his death last month, Charles Coughlin was clearly unrepentant. And fortunately, his audience had disappeared.

# Books still rank very high with Israelis despite inflation and other concerns

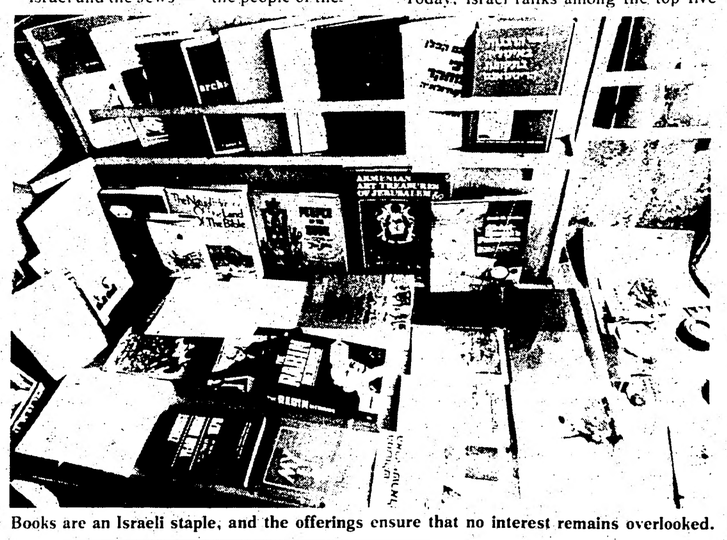
By SHOLOM MORGAN

JERUSALEM —

A world without books, is like a life without sunshine. For without books, knowledge would immediately cease to illuminate the human mind. Progress made during the past 200 years in science and technology is indeed due in large measure to the "printed word" — innovators and scholars publishing and sharing their ideas through articles, reviews and books.

Israel and the Jews — "the people of the book" — are no exception. For centuries they have praised educational benefits books provide. While ancient civilizations were struggling to develop a simplified approach to language to replace commonly used symbols, the Jews had already established an advanced system of education through Bible and Talmud. This knowledge was transmitted through hand-written parchments, the forerunners of books, which were often handed down from one generation to the next.

Today, Israel ranks among the top five countries in the world in terms of books. In the field of publishing, for example, Israel, with a Jewish population of roughly 3.1 million, published 3,522 titles in 1976 alone, of which more than 1,900 were new, a ratio of 1,006 titles per one-million inhabitants. If one compares these figures to other regions of the world: the USSR's 310 titles per million inhabitants; Europe's 558; and North America's 389, it becomes as clear as a printed page that Israelis are still the "people of the book."



Books are an Israeli staple, and the offerings ensure that no interest remains overlooked.

Not all of the 3,522 titles were published exclusively in Israel. Very often, books are co-published with foreign publishers. The Israeli publisher will then usually reserve the right to market the book in Israel, while the foreign publisher does the same in the rest of the world.

Then there is the export side of the book industry. In 1978, the U.S. topped the list of countries receiving exported printed matter from Israel to the tune of over $5 million. England and Germany were next with $1 million, followed by France and Canada. These figures include not only books, but every conceivable kind of reading material from calendars to greeting cards. It is an interesting sidelight that International Scientific Translations in Jerusalem, receives much work from abroad because it does good translation work in every language under the sun at competitive prices.

On the retail side, one would imagine that Jews in Israel purchase books on Judaica, Talmud, Bible and Zionism en masse. However, the substantial influx of tourists and residents from Anglo-Saxon countries has created a great demand for English language books. Some 35% of all retail sales at Steimatzky's, Israel's largest book retailer, are in English. Another large retailer, Bronfman's, reported that 60% of their sales are also English books. At Bestsellers, a retailer in Jerusalem specializing in paperbacks, the sale of English books represents some 95% of total volume of the shop's activity. There are also stores handling mainly Hebrew books.

Which subjects sell the best? The answer to this question depends primarily on the location of the retail outlet. Those located in hotels, for instance, usually sell more paperback novels, while outlets in the heart of Jerusalem sell more Judaica-oriented material.

Rennie Winch of Bestsellers says that three categories of books sell quickly: paperback novels, religious books, due to the large number of Talmudic academies in Jerusalem; and children's books because, Winch explained, "English speaking parents want to pass on the nostalgia of Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck to their children, just as they grew up with it."

Yehuda Molcho of Steimatzky's, asserted that paperback bestsellers bring in the most profit. Science fiction books used to sell quickly, Molcho adds, but sales diminished with competition from outlets which sell second-hand books.

Now if you were reared in another country but are now living in Isreal, what language would you feel more comfortable reading? Based on sales, Bronfman spokesman Cyril Aaronson noted that regardless of the amount of time one has lived in Israel, this new Israeli still prefers books written in his mother tongue, even if he is fluent in the Hebrew language. The other retailers concurred with this assessment.

Although Israelis are still among the best-read people in the world, inflation has hit the book-sales in some specific fields. Molcho tells of several customers who wished to buy a specialized book costing IL 500. Not having the money then, they returned two months later, only to find that the price had risen to IL 850, making it even more unreachable. In fact, every two months Steimatzky's publishes a new price list with increased costs averaging 10 to 15%.

Sales of all kinds of books have suffered, although profits for booksellers have remained fairly constant, or even increased slightly.

"Inflation have remained fairly constant, or even increased slightly.

"Inflation has cut into our sales a little," Molcho said. "Because workers only get an increase of 70% of the cost-of-living, they can only afford one book where they used to buy three."

All things considered, the future of the book industry in Israel looks bright. Publishing costs, while they are increasing, are still among the lowest in the world. As long as the Jewish people continue reading, there is reason to believe that the book industry in Israel will continue to go from strength to strength.

*Who would be more book prone than the people of the book? Sholom Morgan toured Israel's main publishers and retailers to find out if citizens of modern Israel are up to their historical reputation. The answer is yes.*

# *Bene Israels struggling to achieve rightful place in land of their choice*

By SAUL JOEL

For some 25 centuries, the Bene Israel have lived, worked, and worshipped in India. Isolated from the rest of Jewry, they slowly adapted to their environment and adopted the local culture and behavioural patterns. Nevertheless, they maintained their allegiance to the main tenets of their Jewish heritage believing in one God — observing the Sabbath and High Holidays — reciting the "Shema" — practicing circumcision and the dietary laws.

The Bene Israel are the oldest, and one of the three identified groups of Jews who made India their home. The majority lived for hundreds of years in the villages around Bombay and were mainly farmers and oil pressers. As they moved to the urban centres, many became members of the British India Army, others took on skilled and semi-skilled labor positions while a minority entered the professions. The other two groups in India are commonly referred to as: the Cochini Jews and the Bagdadi Jews. The Cochini Jews who lived in Cochin on the west coast of India, have all emigrated to Israel except for a few families. The Bagdadi Jews who lived in Calcutta and Bombay moved to Israel and other western countries leaving a small number behind.

The Bene Israel immigration to Israel began after 1948. Beginning with a large youth aliyah in the early years, the mass immigration took place in the late 50's. The majority settled in the developing towns of Israel, while a few established themselves close to the main centres of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa.

In the early 60's, their Jewishness was questioned by the Orthodox rabbis. This situation led to their isolation by the non-Bene Israel population of Israel and they were derogatorily called "Hodim" in the developing towns. Several years of hard organizing on the part of the community leaders in Israel and pressure of the more Liberal members of the Knesset resolved the question of the Jewishness with the rabbinical council withdrawing their discriminatory directives.

Today in Dimona, city of 30,000 in the Negev, there live 6,000 Bene Israelis. These olimin, highly committed to Judaism, were enthusiastic and emotional about settling in the land of their heritage. Further, they left India to better the future of their children and to build the state. With little or no preparation, they were flown from Bombay to Lod and transported to Dimona to build for themselves a home. Encouraged by the absorption ministry to accept unskilled labor, the first generation immigrants failed to learn to speak, read or write Hebrew and continued to maintain themselves as a distinctive cultural group in the desert. They spoke only Marathi, ate only Indian style food, wore Indian dress and socially isolated themselves, thus living in an Indian-Jewish ghetto in the middle of a western desert developing town.

Today the scars of the unplanned and rapid settlement of the Bene Israelis have grown into wounds as the community struggles for its place in the Israeli sun. Let us examine some of these wounds in the city of Dimona:

As a minority in a city controlled by Moroccan Jews, they have been the victims of a constant and strong selective discrimination, better known as "protaxia" in Israel. The Bene Israelis continue to be on the receiving end of unfair practices in the basic avenues of social development and integration, namely education, social welfare, housing and employment.

This factor together with the label "Hodim" has resulted in the further breakdown of the morale, pride and honor of the people, thus placing them on the lowest rung of the social ladder.

The social, economic, educational and political alienation forced a growing number of Bene Israelis to be on social welfare, with second and third generations locked into the culture of poverty.

The stresses, alienation, and frustration must be expressed in some manner within socially accepted boundaries. It is here that alcohol has begun to play its part and take its toll as the escape from the realities of everyday life. What is criminal is that no conscious effort has been made or attempted to correct the situation either by the Municipality of Dimona or by the Ministry of Social Welfare and Labour. Each passes the issue to the other and the community slowly commits physical, social and psychological suicide. During the writer's stay in Dimona, several different attempts to bring about a change in the social functions of Bene Israel were embarked upon by the community leaders.

Jacob Egit, of the Israel Histadrut Campaign of Toronto, who has visited Dimona on several occasions and come to the conclusion that the Bene Israel community needs help, recommended to leaders of the Histadrut campaign that a special campaign in their behalf be concluded. In addition, some leaders of the Beth Tzedec Synagogue, conscious of the need to assist the Bene Israel community in Israel, have begun the process of raising funds from among their membership. In addition, Bob Warren, president of the Men's Club of Beth Tzedec Synagogue, with the help of his committee, hopes to reach the other Conservative synagogues in Toronto in order that this vital dream become a reality.

These are only the initial attempts to respond to the human problems faced by Israel. Much, much more needs to be studied, examined and most important of all, acted upon. The Bene Israels are in Israel — help them to become part of "the strong Israel."

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# J.B. wary of so many fund-raisers; fears pre-UJA chaos

By J.B. SALSBERG

Self-protection, as we all know, is a human instinct. And I have an instinctive feeling that I will be in need of protection after this column will reach the light of day. So bear with me, my friends, if I begin this week's labor of love with a few precautionary remarks. So listen, please, all ye who are pure of heart.

I wish to assure one and all that this modest scribe has no desire or intention to question the relative importance of any particular institution in Israel or here.

Your humble servant has no desire to question the sincerity or altruism of any particular group among us that dedicates itself to the advancement of any agency or institution here or in Israel.

And, finally, I wish to make it abundantly clear that I haven't the remotest reason or desire to be critical of any one of the prominent members of our community who permit the exploitation of their names and reputations for highly publicised, spectacular affairs the purpose of which is to raise funds for one or another institution here in Israel.

What more can I do to prove my total dedication to truth and objectivity? Nothing is really left to be done. So let's start on our hazardous but quite necessary journey.

Once upon a time, when our community was smaller and our needs more modest, those needs were met by quite simple means. People would group themselves together and call on their neighbors, friends and landsleit for charity, for financial help.

But soon it became a confusing and unmanageable situation. Everyone was running around trying to collect money from everybody else. "Charity fund raising" became an everyday, year-round phenomenon. "Big givers" in those days (i.e. a thousand dollars a year or more) began to complain. It's chaos, they argued. All day, everyday, people came to their places of business for "donations."

And so a united federation of Jewish charities was formed. The number of fund-raising campaigns was drastically reduced. The federation became the major fund-raising and funding body in the community.

With the emergence of Israel, financial aid to the besieged state took priority. And, in Toronto at least, the United Israel campaign was merged with the federation and the United Jewish Appeal was formed. It centralized the fund raising tasks for Israel and most of the local needs, including those for education. Exceptions were made for such bodies as Hadassah, Histadrut, Ort, Pioneer Women and for the then existing educational institutions, such as the Hebrew U., Weizman Institute, Technion etc.

But all the "exceptions" raised relatively modest amounts and usually from our workers, housewives and from non-Jewish sources as well. The main fund raising instrument for domestic and Israeli needs became the United Jewish Appeal.

Later, however, an alarming trend developed. What were once subsidiary fund raising events have become major ones. Yearly testimonial dinners of Israeli and domestic institutions that were considered successful, some years ago, if they raised $50,000 now aim at half-a-million and higher annual objectives.

The evolved formula is simplicity itself. Get a person of outstanding popularity, engage an imported speaker of the $3,000 to $10,000 category to address the dinner, utilize expert publicists, gather a group of friends of the honoree who have good business connections and the sky is the limit. Competition also enters into the process. If, for instance, Mr. A's testimonial dinner raised x hundreds of thousands of dollars, then B's dinner must exceed that amount or lose face.

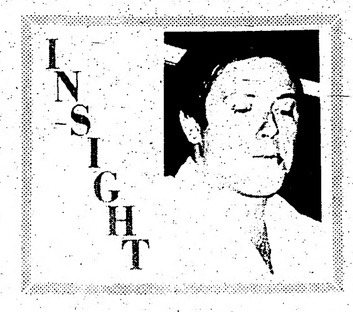
So what's so bad about it? Aside from costs, there are greater problems involved. I would hazard a guess that in the year 1979-80, those proliferating peripheral fund raising affairs will raise perhaps half the amount the UJA seeks to raise for Israel's international and domestic needs. Is it reasonable to think that such massive diversion of funds from the available and limited source will not diminish the amounts that UJA can raise? I'm afraid that we are well on the way towards the chaos that existed before the UJA was established.

I can go on, of course, but I said enough to raise the ire of a goodly number in our midst. I plead, therefore, for rachmones. Don't start shooting from the hip at me.

I feel like the devout, Chassidic lad in Williamsburg, N.Y. The story is that this boy, passing the pushcart food vendor on his way to and from the Yeshiveh was tempted by the tantalizing smell of one non-kosher item. The boy paused and asked the vendor for the price of the item. Before he finished his enquiry a frightening thunderclap shook the neighborhood. The lad, with tears in his eyes, turned his face heavenward and said: "I was only asking, can't a fellow even ask?"

Ladies and gentlemen, be merciful. I was only asking...

# *Fall of Ottoman Empire leaves legacy of conflict throughout the Middle East*




By GABRIEL BEN-DOR

The recent events in Iran, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia (not to mention the ongoing ubiquitous turbulence in Lebanon as well as in North Africa between Morocco and Algeria) reveal a picture of a volatile Middle East about to erupt. Actually, the recent political history of the area is somewhat cyclical, alternating between violent periods of activism, radicalism and acute conflict on the one hand, and periods of relative stability featuring several years of an enduring **status quo** on the other.

Clearly, the decade of the 1970's, now drawing to a close, was one of **relative** stability in the Arab world (notwithstanding such occasional major outbursts such as the Lebanese civil war) during which not a single Arab regime (with the exception of the truly marginal Yemens), was brought down violently, compared to a seemingly never ending series of coups in the 1960's. In the non-Arab Middle East, on the other hand, the 1970's were an era of upheaval and revolution: note the events in Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan. What is the lesson to be learned from all this?

The contemporary Middle East is a complex political arena, much of it the creature of 19th and 20th century European manipulations and maneuvers. The vast majority of the Arab countries came into being as a result of the disintegration of the huge, heterogenous and chronically weak Ottoman Empire, which collapsed in the First World War. After that, there followed a short period of rather hesitant and ambivalent (direct or indirect) European domination (which historian Bernard Lewis has aptly labelled as "pussyfooting imperialism"), that left behind a small, superficially Westernized elite operating for a short while under the facade of a European style quasi-liberal regime. This collapsed after a few years under the onslaught of an alienated young generation, the rise of Arab nationalism, the impact of the defeat in the 1948-1949 Arab-Israeli war and other destabilising and radicalizing trends. For almost a generation, radical politics dominated the scene: there were manifold ideological tensions, the Arab world split into competing blocs (conducting what Malcolm Kerr has called "The Arab Cold War"), mutual subversion poisoned the atmosphere, ever-present violent conflicts endangered every regime and the world records for instability, assassinations and coup d'etats. Only in the 1970s did much of this die down. Many of the ideological tensions receded and a more pragmatic style of politics slowly emerged; the old blocs disintegrated; the rulers began to learn the secrets of "governmental technology"; the territorial status quo became more and more accepted — indeed, sanctified. The ideal of Arab unity — while by no means abandoned — was postponed into the indefinite future. In short, as Fouad Ajami, a Princeton professor of South Lebanese Shiite origins puts it, "slowly and grimly, with a great deal of anguish and of outright violence, a 'normal' state system is becoming a fact of life."

The essence of this "normality" is the primary pre-occupation with the pragmatic concern of the state involved (which the French call briefly **raison d'etat**) rather than with metaphysical commitments to abstract ideals, which tend to destabilize politics by endowing political competition with an irrational and fanatic dimension. "Normal" politics can tolerate and accommodate all kinds of conflicts without eruption; abnormal, metaphysical politics tends to turn conflicts into holy wars. It is hardly a coincidence that the most "state-like" Arab country, Egypt, has been the forerunner of peace in the Arab world, while the most metaphysically oriented (Libya, Iraq, South Yemen) have been the most intractable enemies of peace.

Still, a relatively "normal" state does not ensure stability. It is precisely at the moment when the state is relatively well established that the uselessness of the colorful mumbo-jumbo of nationalist ideology becomes apparent, and the painful questions of normal politics arise forcefully: who should rule? what should national priorities be? how should resources be distributed? and the like. Actually, what seems to have happened in the non-Arab countries of the Northern Tier is that a wave of domestic revolutions (often referred to, in Lewis' terms as "the return of Islam"), struck in countries where the state was relatively well-established but lacking a consensus accepted by elites and masses on national priorities at a time when fundamental questions emerged under the pressure of rapid political change. It turned out that when the state is already established, the only authentic political force left is Islam: hence Khomeini, hence General Zia, hence the tenacity of the tribesmen in Afghanistan. It is quite possible that once the issue of "stateness" is settled in the Arab countries, we shall witness in the 1980's a similar revolutionary tide in the more state-like of them (such as Egypt).

This is not a very encouraging thought. True, much of the present turbulence yields a good many benefits from the Israeli point of view. It draws attention elsewhere; it disunites Israel's enemies; it underlines Israel's understandable reluctance to put its faith in the word of forces so contemptuous of international law and convention. To that extent, Israel's case and cause may come out stronger. On the other hand, it should be never forgotten that in an era of relative stability Egypt and Israel undertook the historical journey toward peace; that peace is still to be stabilized. And stable peace may endure only in a stable region. If the Middle East as a whole does erupt, it is difficult to imagine that, of all things, it is precisely a peaceful Arab-Israeli relationship that will endure.

Thus, to the extent that Israel is committed — as it is — to explore to the utmost the possibilities inherent in the peace treaty with Egypt, it has no interest whatsoever — Khomeini's vicious accusations notwithstanding — in fomenting turbulence and instability in any part of the region. Quite the contrary: it has a strong common bond of mutual interest with all those forces in the Middle East that would like to see stability prevail and rampant, radical adventurism controlled (this, of course, should not be equated with stifling legitimate political change). The sooner the other supposedly responsible forces in the Middle East (including the Saudis and the Kuwaitis), realize this, the better the chances for peace and stability. The political evolution of the Middle East is still an unfinished business and it may yet give way to further violence and turbulence. The resulting distortions may be exploited momentarily by various forces. In the long run, however, Israel, the West and responsible Arabs all must be on the side of regional order and stability. Rational men (to use the brilliant terms of Harvard political scientist Samuel Huntington) should put their faith in political order rather than political decay.

(Religious News Service photo)

**Israeli youngsters demonstrate their sympathy for the U.S.'s hostages plight, outside a replica of the Liberty Bell in Jerusalem. They also denounced hijackings.**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Endowment fund puts too much stress on materialist ethos

I received and read with interest, but without pleasure, the report from the Endowment Fund of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto for November, 1979.

I note that the co-chairman of the Fund, Mr. Kaufman, is of the view that Jews should be encouraged to perpetuate themselves by letting their names live on through bequests to the Fund after their death. As he said, "The children should always be aware that their parents helped build the community . . by leaving tangible gifts to the community, parents can give their children and grandchildren something they are able to live up to."

What a sad commentary on humanity and Jewish precepts that we are encouraged to understand eternity by means of a name plaque on a building, that is, by material monuments to ourselves. Such encouragement is not only an affirmation of materialism but also a denial of our ideals and the Jewish concept of charity.

Does Mr. Kaufman really believe that leaving monuments to ourselves will fulfil our duty to love our fellow men and act with righteousness, understanding and justice? Does Mr. Kaufman really believe that encouraging our children to duplicate or surpass our own monuments advances our potential as Jews?

Have the Jewish people forgotten that each of us, and collectively, have a soul? Is not the soul what is eternal? Does the soul require monuments or tangible reminders?

No one challenges the need to enhance the community of mankind in material as well as other ways. I say that community leaders who encourage us to pursue and give gold as a means of achieving immortality do a great disservice to human understanding. By all means let us build houses of worship, houses of shelter, houses of education and houses of rest; I cannot accept, however, that our communal affairs should be premised upon the exploitation of man's most noble aspiration. Let us not be so pretentious and arrogant as to think that such tangible records constitute fulfilment of man's immortal and spiritual yearnings.

**Boris G. Freesman**
**Toronto.**

## *A voice for 'Peace Now'*

It is interesting to note that the Canadian Jewish News chooses to devote far less space than did the New York Times to the appearance of representatives of Israel's "Peace Now" movement at the recent General Assembly of the CJFWF.

If North American Jewry is to maintain a relationship of mutual respect and understanding with the Jewish state, it must begin to realize that Israeli public opinion is far from unanimous on the issue of settlement in the occupied territories and continued military presence in the West Bank. Indeed, many respected voices have linked this dominance of another people with Israel's moral decline since 1967.

As an Israeli citizen who has joined tens of thousands in the streets of Tel Aviv under the banner of "Peace Now," I can only urge your readership to look upon this movement with both official policy and extremist groups who consider themselves to be above the democratic process.

**Sheryl Nestel**
**Toronto**
**[Gedera, Israel]**

## *UIA is real fund-raiser*

Donald Carr's assertion that UJA funds earmarked for Israel are at the expense of local needs and Jewish education in particular is simply ridiculous. Those familiar with Jewish life know that were it not for the UIA, it would be next to impossible to raise funds on behalf of local projects. Although more funding is needed for Jewish education together with a recording of priorities by the allocation board, Israel remains the overwhelming force for raising funds for communal needs. In that sense, Mr. Carr should be indebted to the UIA.

**Shimon Arbel**
**Toronto.**

# Canadians set up moshav in Israel's arid Arava

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

MERCAZ SAPIR, Israel —

"It's a fantastic opportunity. You have to be an idiot not to realize that. It's a chance to build something from scratch," says Michael Stein, an Alabamian who used to live in Toronto.

"It's the challenge in one of Israel's last frontiers," Ira Cohen maintains.

"We're starting a new society," Eva Meir explains.

"Maybe we're pioneers. Whatever we do here could set the trend for many years," says Doreen Allice.

Deep in the Negev, 250 kilometres south of Tel Aviv and 150 kilometres north of Eilat, 31 families of North American and Israeli origin are training themselves for an entirely new way of life.

City slickers used to the consumer comforts of Toronto or Tel Aviv, they will soon become fulltime farmers and begin their arduous task of making green a small part of this largely inhospitable desert.

For the last few months, these North Americans and Israelis — ranging in age from 21 to 37 — have lived at Mercaz Sapir, a regional centre for moshavim and kibbutzim in the Negev, learning agricultural techniques, acclimatizing themselves to the fierce desert heat and getting to know each other.

Some time between next January and April, they will leave Mercaz Sapir and settle down at Moshav Edan — a new settlement that is framed by sand and jagged mountains.

The Jewish Agency, an arm of the Israeli government, is providing almost all of the funds for Moshav Edan, whose most distant vegetable fields and date trees will be only metres away from the usually quiet Jordanian border. It is investing approximately $25,000 per family.

The settlers, many of whom are professionals, will each receive 10 acres of land and a 74-square metre two bedroom cottage, whose thick steel and concrete reinforced walls are meant to withstand, if necessary, bombardments.

For good measure, there are bomb shelters for every three cottages. Furthermore, the settlement will be armed to the teeth, just in case the Jordanians ever decide to break the peace that now prevails.

In keeping with the mechanization of agriculture in Israel, every two families will get one tractor.

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When I visited the raw site of the moshav, only about half of the planned 36 cottages had been erected. The general store, synagogue and cultural centre had not been put up yet. Surprisingly, there were no plans to install a swimming pool. Money for a pool is simply unavailable at this point. The settlers hope they can raise the funds through donations.

To qualify as a member of Moshav Edan, each family had to pass health and hand-writing analysis tests, and contribute $3,000 to the budding enterprise. At least one of the spouses had to be North American, and both had to be Jewish. Single, unmarried persons did not qualify.

Agricultural experience was not essential, but it was helpful. Several members have worked on kibbutzim, while one woman grew up on a farm in New York State.

Three-quarters of the members hold university degrees, and the majority of them — people like Linda and Selywin Cainer of Toronto — have lived in Israel before for varying lengths of time.

The settlers will grow such winter crops as tomatoes, peppers and melons, and the Jewish Agency will subsidize the moshav until it's self-sufficient and profitable. For two years, an agricultural expert will be attached to the moshav.

They all hope that Moshav Edan can be as green, lush and prosperous as Moshav Ein Yahav, which is down the road about 10 kilometres. The foundation of Ein Yahav was laid just after the Six Day War. Today, it is an oasis in a harsh wilderness, complete with paved roads, lovely flower beds and gardens, shade trees, beautiful, expensive Spanish-style villas only millionaires could afford on the coastal plain, and, of course, fertile fields producing all manner of crops bound for West European markets.

To emulate Ein Yahav's veritable success, the settlers will have to work hard and persevere in the face of adversity; they will have to adapt to the hot, dry weather, the sandstorms, the isolation and the bleak, unyielding landscape that is characteristic of the Arava, that portion of the Negev running from the Dead Sea to Eilat.

There will be some 10 Canadian families living on Moshav Edan, a few of whom consist of mixed Israeli-Canadian couples. And there will be children, too, aged one month to 15 years old.

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Arnie Allice, 32, owned a food store in Hamilton's east end. His wife, Doreen, 31, has a BA from McMaster University. Their daughter, Shoshana, is five. "I was in Israel as a volunteer in 1967," Arnie says. "I wanted to return, but Doreen was not interested in coming. I wanted to be a Jew among Jews, even though I'm not a practicing Jew."

Asked why he chose the Arava, he replies: "I wanted to live in a community with people with whom I'm comfortable, and to be my own boss."

Doreen adds: "The thought of moving to Israel scared me. But we were looking to change our lifestyle, and the moshav offers us a feeling of belonging and of living in a small community."

She believes they'll adjust to farming, but she has no illusions. "There'll be a lot of physically tough years ahead of us."

Eva and Zion Meir lived in Toronto for seven years. Her parents, Lotti and Izso Viezel, left Romania in 1962 to settle in Canada. On a trip to Israel, Eva met Zion at Kibbutz Nir David. They married and moved to Toronto. Meir performed an assortment of jobs in Canada but was never satisfied with any of them. He also longed to go back to Israel.

"The kibbutz is the only lifestyle my husband has ever known, or liked," Eva says. "I didn't want to return to the kibbutz, not finding it challenging enough. I didn't want to live in a city, or among just Israelis, but in a place that would suit us both. Moshav Edan seemed the ideal compromise."

Eva, 27, admits her parents were unhappy with her decision to settle in the Arava. "They thought we were a bunch of young people plunging into the dark, and that Zion hadn't given Canada enough of a chance. In the end, they supported us."

Michael and Susan Stein compare themselves to Israel's early pioneers, yet they realize their motives are misunderstood. "Most Israelis don't want to live here and they think we're crazy for trying," he says.

Scion of a non-Zionist family, Michael, 28, studied political science and pre-law at the University of Alabama. After his graduation, he spent time in Israel. He lived in Toronto for three years, until he was able to convince his wife that they should immigrate to Israel.

The son-in-law of Nat Cales, president of Shaare Shomayim Synagogue's brotherhood, Michael is a subscriber of Zionist philosopher A. D. Gordon's credo that Jewish settlers, rather than Arab laborers, should till their own land. Indeed, that is the rule at Moshav Edan.

Ira and Ricki Cohen are another Toronto couple trying to sink roots in Moshav Edan. Before arriving in Israel, Ira, 27, worked at the Israel Aliyah Centre. Ricki, 26, was a lab technician at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

"We were looking for a new moshav," Ira remarks, "and this one was open. Why the Arava? I like the climate, and it's one of the only totally uninhabited places in Israel."

The other Canadians making a go of it in Moshav Edan are: Jeff and Alona Kushnir of Montreal; Yoram and Shoshana Rosen of Toronto; Brian and Beverley Greenberg of Vancouver; Boaz and Bonnie Rafaeli of Winnipeg; and Amos and Micki Doron of Ottawa.

Most, if not all, of these mixed Israeli-Canadian couples have children.

All of them have high hopes that they can transform Edan into something approximating Ein Yahav. If they approach that goal within five or 10 years, if not sooner, they expect that at least an additional 70 families from North America will join them in the greening of the Negev Desert.

If they succeed, other settlements will arise in the Negev and Israel's great wilderness may at last be tamed.

(R. Lobell photo)

**Eva Meir [left] and Susan Stein, both of Toronto, are residents of Moshav Edan in Negev**

(R. Lobell photo)

**Moshav Edan is raw and undeveloped, but it could be an oasis within a few years' time**

(R. Lobell photo)

**Canadians in the Negev: Michael Stein, Ira Cohen, Doreen Allice, Eva Meir and Zion Meir**

# Iraqi-born, French-educated Naim Kattan: a writer who bridges different cultures

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Naim Kattan, a human bridge between contrasting cultures, wakes up like clockwork every morning at six, rubs the sleep out of his eyes, sits down at his desk, takes pen or pencil in hand and begins to write in a T4B steno note pad.

Writing comes easily to Kattan, an Iraqi Jew who's lived in three civilizations and has accommodated himself to each one like a chameleon. He finishes his self-appointed task by about 8:30, grabs a bite to eat, then heads off to his office at The Canada Council, where he is head of the writing and publishing section.

"It's a discipline," he says of his daily routine in Ottawa. "If I write every day for two hours, I have two books written after a year or two. Yes, people are amazed at my prolific output. But it's a question of discipline."

The author of 11 books, 12 plays and numerous essays and newspaper articles, Kattan is one of Canada's best known man of letters. Influenced by Arabic and French literature, and the stories of the Old Testament, Kattan bridges English and French, and, one might say, Jewish culture in Quebec.

His latest book, **Paris Interlude** (McClelland and Stewart) is the sequel to **Farewell, Babylon,** published in 1977. Novelistic in form, both books centre around Meir, a Jewish Iraqi whose innocence is shed by the circumstance of events in Baghdad and Paris.

Kattan, a youthful 51 who cuts a debonair, continental figure in his cloth cap and long leather coat, is not resting on his achievements. Next year, his French and Quebec publishers plan to issue a new collection of his short stories and essays, and in a few months, Kattan's book on Latin American literature will roll off the press.

Living up to his industrious reputation, Kattan is also putting the finishing touches to **The Promised Fiancee,** which is a spinoff of **Paris Interlude.**

He started writing at the age of 13 in his native Baghdad. Kattan's father, Nissim, was a modest Post Office worker. Despite the rising political tension in Iraq, his childhood was a happy one. He left home in 1947 to accept a French government scholarship, and his family, beset by the rabid anti-Zionist climate of the times, emigrated three years later.

In Paris, where he studied literature, Kattan wrote dispatches in Arabic for a Baghdad newspaper under an assumed name. "For me, Arabic literature is one of the great components of my life," he explains. "I still read it, though I have forgotten how to write literary Arabic."

In **Paris Interlude,** Meir says at one point: "I'm in favor of Israel but no matter what happens I'll still be an Arab." Asked to explain the sentence, Kattan remarks: "The Jewish and Moslem ways of life in the Iraq that I knew 32 years ago were very similar. Being the same as a Moslem, and yet being different because of my Jewishness, was not a contradiction in my eyes. One didn't diminish the other."

Kattan arrived in Montreal in 1954 and, like Meir, he was in search of a new world which to him symbolized the biblical Promised Land. He got a job with the Canadian Jewish Congress and held it for the following 13 years, notwithstanding leaves of absence in which he worked for Le Nouveau Journal as an editorial writer and for the B&B Commission as an editor.

At Congress, Kattan founded Bulletin du Cercle Juif, which still exists, and liaised with the French Canadian community.

(Kero photo)

Naim Kattan, born in Baghdad and now living in Montreal and Ottawa, is author of "Paris Interlude"

While establishing himself in the city, he began writing book reviews and literary pieces for Le Devoir.

Kattan was one of the first critics writing in French, in Quebec, to analyse English literature. "In a modest way I've tried to bridge the gap between the communities," he says.

Around the same time, he abandoned Arabic in favor of French as his vehicle for literate expression. "I didn't want to feel like a writer in exile. I made a conscious choice to change my culture from Arabic to French."

Moving in French Canadian circles, Kattan met a TV and radio actress named Gaetane Laniel, and married her. They have one son, Emmanuel, 11, a student at Ecole Maimonides, a French-language Jewish school in Montreal.

Although Kattan maintains his home in Montreal, he lives in Ottawa five days a week.

Many of his friends are separatists. "We meet on the common ground of our commitment to French culture and democracy," he says. "They feel that my commitment to French culture is real and true."

Though he declines to describe himself as a federalist, Kattan emphasizes that he would hate to see Quebec cut off from the rest of Canada. "I am committed to Canada as a nation, but French should be given more freedom of expression around the country."

In his view, different cultures enrich each other and only become conflictual when power and politics are involved. He rejects the existence of parallels between what happened in Iraq and what could occur in Quebec if sovereignty-association is accepted by the majority of Quebecers.

"I've never seen hate between French and English in Quebec. I saw it in Iraq."

The separatist leadership, he maintains, is not tainted by anti-Semitism, and Premier Rene Levesque, he adds, "is someone who can't be an anti-Semite. I can swear to it." Kattan counts Levesque and a few cabinet ministers as his long-time friends.

He observes that the Jewish community has a good future in the province. "The community in Montreal is very strongly Quebec in orientation. It cannot be separated from Quebec and Quebec will not be separated from it. And it will remain active and dynamic as long as the democratic process is in force."

Kattan believes that reports of Jewish emigration from Quebec are exaggerated by the press, and he thinks that most Jews would stay where they are even if Quebec seceeds.

In talking about Quebec, Kattan inevitably returns to Iraq, a country from which his family was hounded.

Despite his genuine attachment to Arab culture, he has mixed feelings about contemporary Iraq. "The Iraq I knew is intimately part of me, but modern Iraq is remote and I know very little of it."

These days, he has few contacts with his old Moslem friends, which appear as amalgam characters in **Farewell, Babylon** and **Paris Interlude.** "I don't feel like a stranger when I am talking to them," he says.

And yet, Kattan is wary of returning to Iraq on a visit. **Farewell, Babylon** got a generally favorable reaction from Iraqi Moslems he knows. "There is in that book a love for all the people, the language and the culture, but also a description of the violence from which Jews suffered."

Possibly because he spoke the truth about the flight of Iraqi Jewry, Kattan fears that he might be detained if he went back to Iraq. "I have been to Morocco, Algeria and Egypt and felt very much at home in those Arab countries. But I am afraid to return to Iraq . . ."

This double-edged sword which is Iraq is, in a sense, symbolic, since Kattan's novels oscillate between joy and tragedy, hope and pessimism.

With the Iraqi phase of his life just a fond, somewhat bitter memory, Kattan probes the landscape of Canada, Western Europe and Latin America. Always the acute observer, he carries a thick steno pad in his leather bag, ready to fashion a thumbnail sketch of a person or a particular scene which enchants him.

Indeed, all the world is a stage, grist for the literary mill of Naim Kattan, a man of many cultures.

*Mr. Kattan is closing speaker at the Montreal Book Fair.*

# *Ottawa meeting on Soviet Jewry*

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from groups like the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry to increase Canadian awareness of human rights' principles and the violations of those principles. The subcommittee will need continuous, documented material if interest in the issues is to be understood and maintained, MacDonald said.

Executive vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress Alan Rose responded to her remarks with thanks, citing MacDonald as a statesman with a marked concern for human rights. "She has exhibited a special sensitivity for the concerns of Soviet Jewry," Rose said.

The external affairs minister recently met with the Soviet foreign minister and conveyed to him this country's concern over the deteriorating condition of both Idas Nudel and Anatoly Scharansky, and their urgent need for proper medical attention.

A critical side of the conference occured at a "Meet the Press" session. The clear message was "give us an attractive package and we'll give you coverage."

According to the press in Ottawa, demonstrations have outlived their usefulness as an effective device. "A circle in the snow in front of the Soviet embassy has become very passe," commented Patrick Best of the **Ottawa Citizen.** "Marching around in front of the Embassy is a waste of time. It may make you feel good, but don't expect us to be there every time."

He said the time has come for the committee to change its tactics, to provide the press with "stories," information that will capture media interest. Events on the scale of a Leningrad Trial, a Scharansky spy ring, or even a Cotler expulsion will always receive wide coverage. "If you want your cause to get public exposure, you'd better have something to say," Best said.

It was discovered that none of the press on the panel had heard the name of Boris Penson until that morning, though he had been released in April.

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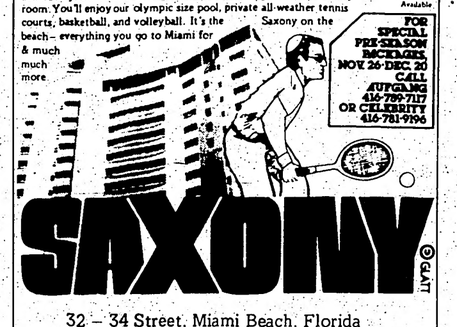


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# The responsibility of U.S. Jewry

By SUSAN LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

With election fever already burning in the United States, the organized American Jewish community has the responsibility to convince political candidates and the general public that Israel is a critical strategic asset to the U.S., and the current "schizophrenic" American policy of trying to accommodate both the oil producing Arab states and the Israeli-Egyptian peace process can no longer work.

These were the main conclusions of Professor Fred Gottheil, an economist and national chairman of American Professors for Peace in the Middle East, and Theodore Mann, Philadelphia chairman of the President's Council of Major Jewish Organizations and chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council. They spoke on the continuing quest for peace and security in the Middle East, at the General Assembly here.

"President Sadat did not inform President Carter he was going to Jerusalem until it was a 'fait accompli', Gottheil said, "do you know why he was not informed? Because Sadat, like Begin, was frightened by American policy in the Middle East.

"President Carter was not pleased with the Egyptian initiative." Gottheil continued, "because at the time, the U.S. was pushing for a Geneva conference which neither Sadat nor Begin wanted."

He said the reason Carter pushed Geneva was to give a platform to the more extremist but oil rich Arab nations.

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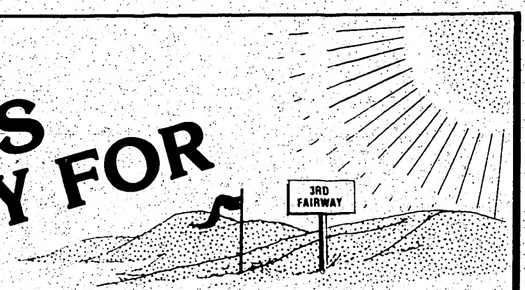

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# Organizations and People

## what's new

By MIRIAM HERMAN

**LECTURES, SYMPOSIUMS, STUDIES**

This is a good week for the thinking crowd----

At the Adath Sholom Synagogue Oneg Shabbat this Friday, Dec. 7, beginning at 8 p.m., lawyer-author Sy Langer will discuss **The Quebec Referendum -- Impact on the Future of Canadian Jewry.** The address is 864 Sheppard Ave. W.

On Sunday, the 9th, at 9:30 a.m., Beth Sholom Brotherhood Breakfast and Tefillin Club features Cantor David Bagely in a talk entitled **Why Do We Need Organized Judaism?**

Also on Sunday at 9:30 a.m., **Jewish War Veterans: The Untold Story** will be discussed by Max Clement at the Shaarei Tefillah Brotherhood breakfast meeting.

That same evening Shaarei Tefillah presents Part 2 of its symposium "Searchlight on Jewish Leadership" with the topic **Jewish Charities: Priorities--A Need For Review.** Panelists will be Jerome Diamond of Jewish Family and Child Service, Irwin Gold of Toronto Jewish Congress, and Kurt Weinberg of Jewish National Fund. Chairman is Rabbi Zigmund Wolkenstein of the Israel Frankel Jewish Public Library. The time is 7:30 p.m.

About the Beth Sholom adult Jewish studies schedule--The last study sessions will be held on Tuesday, the 11th, and then will resume again on Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. The present Hebrew classes will continue and enrolment will be opened for **Ethics of Our Fathers** and **What is the Answer?** For registration, call the synagogue at 783-6103.

A lecture in Hebrew will be given at the Jewish Book Fair on Wednesday, the 12th at 8:30 p.m. when Matti Golan of the Israel Information Centre deals with **Current Politics in Israel**. Evening is co-sponsored by Board of Jewish Education, Federation of Teachers in Hebrew Schools and Keren Hatarbut.

Another Book Fair highlight is the talk by University of Vermont political science professor Raul Hilberg, author of "The Destruction of European Jews," on Thursday, the 13th, at 8:30 p.m. His topic --**Jewish Leadership During the Holocaust: the Dilemma of Dealing with the Nazis.** Program is sponsored by Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress.

**CHANUKAH TIME**

The North-East Jewish Community Services invites all families in north-east Metro to its annual Chanukah celebration slated for Sunday, the 9th, at 2:30 p.m. at Highland Junior High (Don Mills and Cliffwood). Program includes a concert by the Shema Kolenu Rock Band, dreidl and Chanukah gelt contests and grab bags.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue is holding a Chanukah disco on Saturday, the 8th, at 8:30 p.m.

**WITH OUR YOUTH**

Saturday, Dec. 8, is dance time for United Synagogue Youth at Beth Sholom Synagogue. The time is 8 p.m. to midnight.

Here's a holiday tip for boys and girls ages 9-15. The Jewish Camp Council is sponsoring Winter Wonderland from Dec. 24-28 at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre, Parry Sound, that includes winter sports and a carnival. For reservations, call Steven Polevoy at 924-6211.

**CAMP RAMAH MEETING**

Camp Ramah has scheduled a city-wide open meeting for Thursday, the 13th, at 8 p.m. in the Beth Tzedec board room. Interested parents and children can meet with camp director Seymour Epstein (Epi), plus see and hear slide show and music from last year's season.

**NETWORK CONVENTION**

The North American Jewish students and young adults Network convention takes place Dec. 23-27 in Washington, DC. About 600 Jewish students and young adults from across Canada and the U.S. are expected to attend. Among the Canadian speakers on the five-day program will be Professors Emil Fackenheim, (University of Toronto); Irwin Cotler, (McGill), and Mordechai Abir (York). Network Chairperson Simcha Jacobovici and Howard Stanilawski of the Canada-Israel Committee, Ottawa. For information, call Jackie or Debbie at 928-9160. Deadline for reservations is Dec. 14.

**HOLOCAUST WORKSHOP**

Another special workshop for Holocaust survivors and their children is being held Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15 and 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Workshop is under the auspices of North York Group Psychotherapy Foundation and conducted by Dr. Henry Fenigstein and Doris Epstein. Purpose of workshop is to explore psychological consequences of the Holocaust on survivors and their children. For information and registration, call 787-5331.

**BOUTIQUE FAIR**

Something for everyone is what Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood is promising at the boutique fair set for this Sunday, Dec. 9, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Here's your chance to pick up some toys, gifts, art, accessories and even food.

**MUSICAL STROKE PROGRAM**

The musical stroke program at the Jewish Community Centre north branch takes place Wednesday mornings at 10:30, not Tuesdays as previously stated.

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**SENIORS EVENTS**

The Beth Tzedec Friendship Club - 50 guest speaker on Tuesday, the 11th, is Arlene Gryse who will talk about **Nutrition.** The time is 1:15.

Also on Tuesday, the 11th, the Workmen's Circle Social Club meets at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. for lunch and entertainment with singer Marilyn Tenenbaum and pianist Ada Lewis. And don't forget to register for the Dec. 18 Chanukah party featuring orchestra leader George Frank, his wife Sharon and company. It will be televised. Call Shirley Grotell at 222-7727.

On Thursday, the 13th, the Centre for Creative Living public affairs forum deals with **The Role of the Senior Adult in the 1980s** with panelists Marvyn Novick of the Metro Toronto Social Planning Council; Sam Ruth, executive vice-president, Baycrest Centre, and Michael Ziegler, York University psychology professor. It takes place at 1:15 p.m. at the centre, 15 Hove St.

**FOR SINGLES**

The Jewish Community Singles (35-55) meets on Wednesday, 12th, at 7:30 p.m. at the JCC north branch for a discussion on **Chanukah--A Holiday or Festival** with Rabbi Joseph Kelman, followed by a social.

For winter fun (cross-country skiing) and a champagne New Year's party look into the celebration special offered by Jewish Camp Council Dec. 28-Jan. 1 at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre, Parry Sound. Also, there are other holiday packages you may be interested in. So call Dodie Rudson at 924-6211 as soon as possible.

**HOLIDAY DEADLINE DATES**

Due to the holiday schedule, the CJN will not be publishing a Dec. 27 issue, which means a change in the deadline dates for "What's New" and "About People." For events occuring between Dec. 20 and Jan. 3, please get the material to me by next Thursday, the 13th, at noon. Items to appear in the Jan. 3 issue (that is events from Jan. 3-10), should reach me by noon Thursday Dec. 20. If you would like to phone in any items, I will be at my desk on the regular days --- Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 12 and 13 and 19 and 20.

# Israel affirms principal's faith

By MOURA WOLPERT

**HAMILTON —**

Fresh from a month-long trip to Israel, principal Vincenza Travali enthusiastically told the almost 1,000 students of St. Thomas More High School, assembled for their 'community day' at the start of the school year, "I wish we could have our next community day in Jerusalem."

Before last summer she knew no more about Israel than the average North American. Today Miss Travali sounds much like "the really good PR person" she wishes Israel had to put its case before the world.

Her enthusiasm, she acknowledges, is due in no small measure to the fact that she travelled with her good friend Evelyn Silver, a high school history teacher and co-chairman of Hamilton State of Israel Bonds, whose fourth trip this was.

For 10 days the two women explored Israel by car, with their own guide, from its southernmost tip to the northern border; the rest of the time they enjoyed at their leisure, sightseeing, visiting friends, shopping and relaxing around the pool.

Seeing for herself the sites of the Bible, walking where Jesus had walked, reading the Pslams in Jerusalem and praying at the Western Wall, where she, too, "found the presence of God," or just drinking in the beauty of the biblical landscape, Israel, for this deeply religious Catholic woman, was an overwhelming experience. It strengthened her own religion and deepened her faith, she told a friend who enquired whether she would now convert to Judaism!

But also, seeing Israel through the eyes of her travel companion — as "deeply steeped in Judaism as I am in my Catholicism . . . was a very rich part of my experience," says Miss Travali.

From the media, she went on, "you get the distinct impression that Israel wants everything its own way. But when you are there and see what's going on, see that all the Israelis want is to be left alone to build that piece of desert into a vibrant land . . . to travel those borders . . . is an experience that makes you stop and think what it's like to live among people who are committed to your destruction."

Uncomfortably aware the first week of the ever present military, the soldiers and guns and constant inspections, "after four weeks I looked at it much like the people who live there: life goes on!"

She was impressed with the fact that "people live with that (threat of destruction) every day. But there are moments, when you talk to them, that you get a sense of the pain they must suffer, the losses they have endured."

Deeply moved by Yad Vashem and the Holocaust, she appreciates the commitment Israelis have to the country and, by extension, the idea that every Jew has a home in Israel. It gave her "a sense of the fragility of life that the Israelis have."

Yamit, "this beautiful place," brought home to Miss Travali how much Israel wants peace. "The whole idea of giving it back, to know how difficult it must be for them to make the decision to give it back, is an indication of how much Israel wants peace.

"The world is very prejudiced," notes Miss Travali, adding "I wish I could have had my whole school over there."

# Winnipeg choral group invited to Jerusalem

**WINNIPEG —**

A local choral group, consisting of the Bass Clef Chorus and the Better Half Singers under the direction of Mrs. Helga Anderson, has been invited to perform in Israel with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra.

The choir will give two major performances in Jerusalem, during "Musica Sacra Week" in the Jerusalem Theatre between Dec. 19 and 29. On dec. 22 the Bass Clef-Better Half Chorus, 18 men and 18 women, will sing Handel's **Samson** oratorio, sharing the stage with Rinat, Israel's professional national choir. On Dec. 26 the Winnipeg choir will sing Mendelssohn's **Elijah.**

Except for a $5,000 government grant, the choir is responsible for raising its own costs and has already collected about $10,000 from garage sales and similar projects.

The Bass Clef Chorus was established in 1974 by graduates of the Winnipeg Boys Choir. When they were preparing for their 1974 performance of Menotti's **Amahl and the Night Visitors,** they needed the support of a female chorus and the Better Half Singers thus came into being.

Mrs. Anderson, a well known Winnipeg musician and former director of the Winnipeg Boys' Choir, has been the conductor of Bass Clef and Better Half choirs since their inception.

Eugenia Baumel and Leonid Karpinsky entertained an audience of Russian-Jewish music lovers here last week. Their rendition of "My Yiddishe Mama" brought many in the full house to tears. All enjoyed them a lot.

# CZF names Cohen

**MONTREAL —**

Dr. Leon Kronitz, executive vice-president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, announces the appointment of Moishe Cohen of Montreal as chairman and Melech Halberstadt, of Toronto, as vice-chairman of the fifth national convention of the CZF to be held on Sunday and Monday, March 16th and 17th, 1980, at the Harbor Castle Hilton Hotel in Toronto. Miss Marian Shulman will act as Convention Coordinator.

Over 1,000 delegates and observers representing the Zionist family across Canada will participate in the many phases of the convention program. A galaxy of outstanding speakers have been invited to address the various meetings and workshops planned. Leon Dulzin, chairman of the executive of the World Zionist Organization, has accepted to address the opening meeting.

# 'AM Israel' program heard by Israelis

By MURRAY MALKIN

Michael Givon

TORONTO —

One of the best ways many of the 20,000 plus Israelis now living in Toronto have to keep in touch with what's happening in their native land is by tuning in on a half-hour weekly radio program **AM Israel** (1190 on the AM dial).

Heard at 10 a.m. on Sundays, the show features music, interviews and a live seven-minute newscast from Israel. Host for the program is 38-year-old Israeli Michael Givon.

Givon, who is also producer for the show, told The Canadian Jewish News that "the listeners want to hear the news, but the real reason many tune in is to get the soccer scores. If you forget them . . . oh, oh."

As far as Givon knows, his program — carried on CJMR — is the only one of its kind in Canada. He said there are similar broadcasts heard in New York, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles and Miami.

While most of **AM Israel's** listeners are made up of the Toronto Israelis, Givon said there are a number of listeners who call up to say "they didn't understand a word of Hebrew, but they love the format, they find it refreshing."

He said many will tune in just for the music. "We're very up-to-date as far as the music goes."

Givon, who arrived in Canada in 1959, is a qualified Hebrew teacher who bounced around North America teaching in Montreal, Boston, St. John's, Newfoundland and London, Ont. Besides his radio show he works as a youth director at the Beth Shalom Synagogue and is an extra in some of the films being shot in Toronto.

Givon said the only time he doesn't broadcast is on Erev Yom Kippur. Other than that, his show can be heard throughout the year. He said there are often special reports from Israel during the various Jewish holidays, letting local listeners know how families in Israel are celebrating different holidays.

Most of the work for the show is done by Givon, however, his wife Freda helps out. He said that if he has to be out of town, Freda can easily take complete control of the program.

For Givon, **AM Israel** is a labor of love. He said: It is the show that brings Israel into your home.

"It's just something I like to do," he continued. "I'm certainly not trying to be discovered."

# ...about people

Rabbi **Yehuda Landau**, chief registrar of marriages for Tel Aviv, is visiting Toronto as the guest of Rabbi **Moses Burak.** This evening he is speaking at the annual dinner of hte Toronto Friends of Kollel Esh Dat of Tel Aviv. The dinner is at Rabbi Burak's synagogue, Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz. Rabbi Landau is chairman of the board of the kollel and is a devoted disciple of the Rebbe of Ozerov for whom the kollel is named.

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When **Doreen Ray** was bat Mitzvah at Beth Tzedec Congregation two weeks ago along with Maureen Solomon, Yvonne Stein, Joan Waxman and Ida Wiesenthal, it was for a very special reason. She undertook the course of study in order to be called up for an aliya when her son Joel is Bar Mitzvah in March. Mrs. Ray will be taking the aliya in place of her late husband, Dr. Samuel Ray, who died two years ago.

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Rabbi **Yitzchak Kerzner** of Clanton Park Synagogue, is guest speaker of the Beth Jacob High School and Jacob Perlman Teachers Seminary annual dinner this Sunday evening, the 9th, at the Constellation Hotel.

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Toronto sculptor **Mary Hecht** is having an exhibit of her work at the Union of American Hebrew Congregations biennial coming up this weekend at the Sheraton Centre Hotel. And in addition to her display of Jewish art, a piece of her work is being donated to the Union by Maggie Kwartin in memory of her husband, Cantor Kwartin. The presentation is taking place during the convention.

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Health and Welfare Minister **David Crombie** will be addressing the Beth Sholom Brotherhood dinner meeting on Thursday, the 13th. For reservations, call 783-6103.


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SABRAMAN

16-year old Israeli artist Uri Fink, originator of 'Sabraman' comics, is in town, preparing for Book Fair.

# More group homes are needed for handicapped and retarded children

By VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —
Jewish foster children, handicapped and retarded have to be placed in a Jewish milieu or else they will be severed from Judaism, Rabbi David Schonberger, mental retardation specialist, told B'nai B'rith Unity Lodge members at a recent meeting at Thornhill's Gallanough Library.

"We have to try and organize Jewish group homes for these people," urged the rabbi, "because, we will loose them completely through proselytization."

Rabbi Schonberger, who was appointed last year by the Toronto Jewish congress as chaplain to Orillia's Huronia Regional Centre, said very little is being done for the Jewish retarded. "There are many facilities, treatment and therapeutic centres available, yet no definite program to retain and rechannel them into the Jewish community."

Citing Huronia as an example, he said Jewish residents have been at the institution for more than 50 years, "yet until my appointment, there was no systematic care for them." Currently, 48 Jewish residents are at the institution, all ranging in age from 14 to 56.

Since Schonberger's arrival, residents now have a chapel, informal services, kosher cakes and cookies and Passover matzos that he brings from Toronto. Management at the Centre, he says, is "most supportive" of the newly instituted Jewish program, to the point where it has allocated funds for three outings per year to Rabbi Joseph Kelman's Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda's synagogue.

He stressed, however, that many handicapped or retarded persons do not need to be institutionalized. "Many can be relocated into group homes, where they can interact more personally and lead a more normal, Jewish life."

The same can be said for Jewish foster children, says Kalman Elias, 27, director of Sinai Child Care Services, a non-charitable organization concerned with the plight of Jewish children in non-Jewish homes.

Elias first became involved in this project two years ago after reading The Toronto Star's "Today's Child" column, featuring a Jewish child up for adoption. "I was concerned that this child wouldn't be placed in a Jewish home," said Elias, who is a student at Toronto's Kollel Avreichim.

Through a social worker, continued Elias, he discovered that three Jewish children were placed in non-Jewish foster homes near Barrie. After further exploration, more Jewish children — either normal or retarded — were found to be living in non-Jewish residential homes.

Recent statistics compiled by Sinai Child Care Services indicate 103 Jewish children and young adults are currently living in non-Jewish foster homes or placements in Ontario. A recent report released by Toronto Jewish Congress' Foster Care committee, reports Elias as saying "at least 80% of the cases originated in Metro Toronto and that some had been placed by Jewish Family and Child Services."

"The objectives of our organization," outlines Elias, "are to find Jewish children, visit them and provide pastoral services. Ultimately, we hope to establish group homes where they can lead productive Jewish lives."

Rabbi Schonberger, founder of the Association for the Jewish Mentally and Physically Handicapped, works in tandem with Kalman Elias. Together, their organizations have filed documentation with the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services with the hope of obtaining approval for a Jewish group home. Plans are underway for a joint fundraising campaign — for both public and private funding.

"Once a budget is handed down," said Schonberger, "then it is up to the medical specialists to establish whether it will be specifically for emotionally disturbed, mentally retarded or absolutely normal children."

# *Looking for products to enhance tastes*

By ZAHAVA KLEINERT

TORONTO —
With the expansion of large stores, supermarkets and multi-use markets, it is not feasible to demand that stores sell only locally supervised products, those with a COR.

With today's international market, the consumer would be deprived of many products from around the world. Competitive, creative merchandizers are constantly exploring new products which enhance the gourmet tastes of the Jewish consumer. Products must be individually checked for a recognized kashruth symbol.

The convenience of shopping in large stores which offer an abundance of products, places the responsibility on the consumer to become knowledgeable about symbols with a careful check of products which often have similar labels.

Products may be inadvertently misplaced from time to time. A non-kosher item, in error, may have been thrown in amongst the kosher items. It is up to the consumer to check each item and where there has been incorrect placement, it would be helpful and appreciated to inform the store management. Often this is merely an oversight by the store personnel who may not have been aware of the situation or perhaps they are not familiar with the kashruth restrictions and would be very happy to comply.

In some of the smaller stores it is customary to display a sign stating that a particular section is not under supervision.

The best guarantee for the kosher consumer is a knowledge and awareness of these practices.

# Laskin day care centre starts

MONTREAL —
The William and Sarah Laskin Day Care Centre, in Givat Mordechai, Jerusalem, is the Canadian Mizrachi women's newest project.

The centre will be dedicated at the Mizrachi convention being held in Jerusalem in February 1981.

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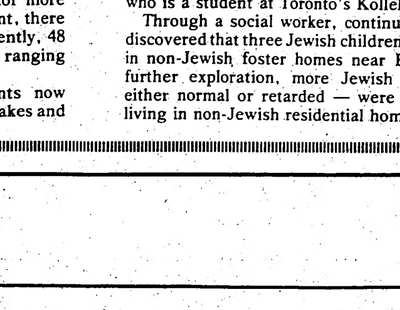

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# Organizations and People

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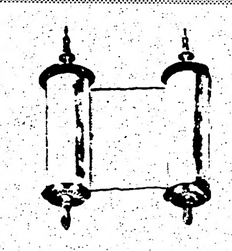

## sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

**Parshat Vayishlach**
**Weekly Halacha: It is preferable to use an oil menorah on Chanukah.**

There's no such thing as an accident. Everything is from G-d, and we have to put our whole faith in Him.

When Reb Zusia of Anipoli was a young man, he wandered from town to town in a symbolic exile, sharing the suffering of the Holy Shechina. Once he was in a certain town for Shabbat, and he asked the parnas for a home to stay. The parnas looked him over sourly, and barked: "People like you are not invited to homes. The community guest-house is good enough."

Years later when Reb Zusia was revealed as a great tzadik, he revisited the town — and the parnas sent a special invitation to stay at his home. Instead, Reb Zusia gave the messenger his horse and wagon to stay at the rich man's home.

When the bewildered parnas came running for an explanation, Reb Zusia explained: "I am the same man who visited the two years ago. Now that you pay me honor, it is not because of me but because of the horse and wagon. So I sent them to you."

When we look at a person we shouldn't look at what he has but what he is. Sometimes people try to curry favor with so-and-so, hoping for some break, some favor in return. The only one who can do us favors is G-d -- and the only way we earn His favor is by absolute faith in Him.

Consider....when Father Jacob had to confront his wicked brother Esau after 36 years of being apart, he was sore afraid. The Torah says: **"Vayirah...vayetzer...**He was very afraid, and distressed"....Strange--if it says already that he was afraid, why does it have to add that he was distressed? Of course he was!

But it teaches...why did Jacob feel distressed? Because he was afraid. The fact that Esau threatened him wasn't so bad--but the fact that he was even a bit worried that something was missing in his confidence and **betachon** in the Almighty--that's what distressed him.

We must never be afraid of our enemies. There is no country in the world where Jews can feel they are safe forever. If there is not a threat today, danger looms like a thunder-cloud on the horizon. horizon.

But no nation will ever destroy us.

Esau was the arch anti-Semite. When he confronted Jacob with his 400 murderous troops, he was out to wipe out Jacob, with all his women and children. No one would be left. What did Jacob do? — he divided his camp into two camps. **"V'hayah hamachaneh hanishar lif'laitah** — one camp would remain alive..."

**"Maaseh avot siman l'banim....**The actions of the forefathers are signs for the children." What happened to Jacob is a sign for Jewish history. It is not by accident that Jews are under every inch of sky. A tiny remnant of humanity, we are like a precious preservative, spread thin over the whole earth.

A curse, but also a blessing. They can amputate a part of us in Poland, but another part will spring up in North America. They can snuff out Torah in Russia, but it will grow powerfully in Israel and Canada. "V'hayah hamachaneh hanishar lif'laitah — the camp that remains will be saved!"

The Jewish people will remain until the Messiah.

But we have to remain good Jews. Torah Jews. We cannot be filled with pseudo-philosophies.

Once the hassidim of the Blendover Rav saw him running to and fro in his study. "What are you doing, rabbi?" they asked him. He answered: "I was running after the yetzer horah, the evil inclination, and I almost caught him. But then he jumped in among the holy books, and I'll never get him out of there."

Our worst enemy is the yetzer horah.

Shabbat Shalom.

# Noted Windsor cantor buried in Jerusalem

WINDSOR — Saul Nadvan, who was cantor at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue here for the past 29 years, passed away early last month in his 66th year.

Following the funeral services, his body was shipped by plane to Israel for burial in the Har Hamenucoth Cemetery in Jerusalem.

Nadvan, a distinguished composer, was born in Kovno, Lithuania. Following his liberation from a Nazi concentration camp, he studied music in Italy and France. Soon, after his arrival in Paris he took on the role of cantor for the Allied Forces in France.

Before arriving in Windsor, Nadvan also worked in Temple Victoire, the largest synagogue in Paris.

There probably wasn't a Jew in Windsor who hadn't come in contact with Nadvan at one time or another. Rabbi emeritus for the shul, Rabbi Stollman said: "He was beloved by the congregation and was involved in bar mitzvahs, weddings, funerals and just about every service since his arrival.

"Cantor Nadvan was an outstanding cantor and it was unlikely the synagogue would find another like him."

Nadvan is survived by his wife Shirley and a son Raphael.

# *Ner Israel principal honored in New York in big Umesorah dinner*

NEW YORK — Rabbi Aaron Levine, principal of the Ner Israel Yeshiva College, of Toronto, was honored recently when the Educator's Award at the recently held 36th Annual Awards Dinner of Torah Umesorah, National Society for Hebrew Day Schools. The dinner took place at the New York Hilton Hotel.

Nearly 1,000 guests and educators, seminary deans, prominent rabbis and representatives of 180 communities in North America which have Hebrew Day Schools, paid tribute to the award recipient whose efforts for Jewish Education have become well known beyond the borders of his respective local community.

The presentation to Levine was made by Rabbi Herman Neuberger, vice-president of the Ner Israel Rabbinical Seminary of Baltimore.

## YESHIVA U TRIBUTE

**Sam J. Sable and his wife, seated, were honored recently at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue for their support of Yeshiva University in New York. Among other Yeshiva U supporters were, left to right: Kurt Rothschild, Mark Gross, Norman Lamm and Gershon Stern are school's chief officers.**


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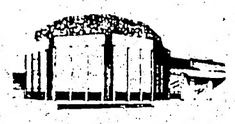

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Those working closely with me in this campaign know how much importance I place on getting our young people involved in UJA. It pleases me that many others feel exactly as I do on the subject.

That is why it was a pleasure for me to attend a fact-finding session of the Accountants group last week. The purpose of the meeting, attended by **Mike Florence, Henry Goldbach, Gerry Prenick, Ron Steinberg** and **John Wiseman,** was to focus on ways and means of recruiting young accountants presently associated with small and mid-size firms. There was a follow-up meeting two days later in John Wiseman's office and it looks like many new, fresh faces will be added to our old reliables. Nice going, gentlemen!

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**Emile Aufgang** and **Bruce Cole,** Travel co-chairmen, along with **Yossi Glatt** of Israel who came out to lend a hand, were slightly outnumbered by the distaff side at a telethon in the Aufgang office. Doing their thing on the phones were **Ricky Goldman, Batia Lapid, Carol Lewis** and **Susan Weinberger.**

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**Barry Tissenbaum** and **Sheldon Sper** have pledged that their Young Execs group will continue to make big increases and all canvassers are knocking themselves out to double last year's total (which was substantial). The Young Execs joined forces with the leadership development group last week to welcome and hear **Dr. Meron Medzini** report on current conditions in Israel.

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**Akiva Lewinsky,** treasurer of the Jewish Agency spoke to some of us at the **Geneva Assembly** in Montreal. He told us that inflation in **Israel has** accelerated to unprecedented heights and he urged that gifts be substantially higher so the Agency can meet its commitments. He assured us that budgets have been pared to the bone.

I promised Mr. Lewinsky that Toronto will do everything possible to help ease the tight situation in Israel.

More than ever it is essential that gifts to the UJA be at least 25% higher than last year. That won't match Israel's inflation — but it's a step in the right direction.

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Pharmacists from the Shoppers-Tops group met late one night last week (at 10) to get information on financial and estate planning and charitable giving from **Al Lax** and **Carl Goldenberg. Zvi Garcy** brought them up to date on Israel. A good idea to mix business with UJA business.

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I keep getting encouraging feedback from **Myron Gottlieb** who is heading up the Brokers group this year. Myron is determined to reactivate the division by enlarging the base for contacts, which will include brokers who deal in mortgages, stocks and general investments. He's getting healthy assistance in his endeavour from **Paul Ezrin.** From sheer enthusiasm, 1980 should shape up as a breakthrough year in this division.

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To date, 21 students have signed up for a two-week UJA mission which leaves for Israel on Dec. 24. In the context of what I said at the beginning of this column, I believe we must do everything in our power to involve the young and encourage them to become committed Jews.

What better way to spark a lifetime of Jewish communal involvement? It has worked in the past and I'm sure it will continue to serve us well. For example, I have the names of nine students who participated in missions in 1976, 77, 78. Where are they now?

**Pearl Brenman** is in her final year in the Jewish Teacher TRaining program at York university; **Shelley Brucker** is currently on staff at Toronto Jewish Congress; **Arnold Foss** is invloved with Jewish Information Service and North East Jewish Community Services; **David Gotfrid** is completing his final year at Brandeis in Jewish Communal Services; **Mark Gryfe** is UJA fund-raiser for the student campaign; **Lisa Kronick** is in her first year at Brandeis in the Jewish Communal Services course; **Rosalie Liberman** and **Susan Marcus** are co-chairing this year's student campaign at the University of Toronto; **Julea Resnick** headed last year's campaign at the U of T.

And while I'm citing the accomplishments of these young people, I hope you'll forgive a bit of bragging for one of my own. My son, **Neil,** is following in the Goldenberg family tradition. He recently canvassed some of his friends and matched the dollars they gave with his own.

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CANVASSER OF THE WEEK — We are pleased to cite for this week's slot, the UJA chairman of the Warshawer Lodzer Society, **Aaron Gruwer.** Aaron has already completed 80% of the cards, can you believe it! And what's more, he's insisting on and **getting** minimum increases of 25% from each of his prospects. As you can see, Aaron Gruwer is a devoted UJA worker **and we are grateful** to have him on our team.

GRUWER

# Australian committee urged to press Moscow on Soviet Jewry

SYDNEY, Australia [JCNS] — A federal parliamentary committee has urged the Australian government to press the Soviet Union to allow Soviet Jews to be reunited with relatives in Australia.

The recommendation was made by a sub-committee on foreign affairs and defence, which spent two years investigating human rights in the Soviet Union.

The 160-page report was released by the joint committee's chairman, Senator John Wheeldon.

The document contains 65 findings, ranging from mild to severe criticism of the Sovet Union's human rights policies, its politically repressive system and its anti-Semitic campaign.

The committee's basic finding was that the Soviet Union had flouted the human rights section of the Helsinki Agreement and had failed to implement many sections of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. It also asked the government to try and persuade the Soviet Union that it would be seen in a much more favourable light, if large numbers of political and religious prisoners were released before the Moscow Olympic Games.

The Australian Government was asked to tell the Soviet Union not to circulate anti-Semitic books in Australia.

In its final recommendation, the committee sought to continue its work through the establishment of a standing committee on human rights. Four government members of the committee, however, dissented from the final recommendation claiming that a country should not set itself up as a watchdog on the internal affairs of another nation.


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A large rally of support for the Toronto police was held recently at the Beth Sholom Synagogue. Pictured here are, left to right: rally organizer David Anderson; Morton Shulman; Rabbi David Monson; Arthur Maloney; Rueben Schaeffer; and Bruce McCarthy.

# *Maccabiah Games chairman wants province-wide team*

By MURRAY MALKIN

TORONTO — Donald Kirsch had his first taste of the Maccabiah Games when he was selected for the Canadian golf team in 1961. His exuberance at the Games stuck with Kirsch all these 18 years and when he was recently asked to stand in nomination for chairman of Canadian Maccabiah Games Association, Ontario Region, he accepted the nomination and won by acclamation.

Kirsch has only been chairman for a few months, but he already has definite ideas in which direction he wants to steer the association in Ontario. He wants total involvement with Jews throughout the province; he wants to get away from the old idea that everything has to happen in Toronto.

For example, the next Maccabiah doesn't take place until the summer of 1981, but already the new Maccabiah committee was involved in a recent games held at the Hamilton Jewish Community Centre on Dec. 2 and they are involved in a fitness day being held at the Toronto Jewish Community Centre (Northern Branch) on Sunday afternoon Dec. 16.

Kirsch is happy Maccabiah is able to participate in these events so quickly after being set up, but he said "we haven't got an exclusive, private club that's limited to Toronto. We should involve all the Jewish communities in the province.

"We want to have an input," he continued. "We want to make a contribution of time and effort towards their programs."

Kirsch told The Canadian Jewish News that: "As a result of participating in the Maccabiah in '61 I gained an understanding of the movement.

"The trip was really an experience, I was moved by it, the spirit, the comraderie, the fellowship."

Kirsch has been back to Israel once since 1961, when he was in the first group to visit the country following the Yom Kippur War.

Now, as chairman of the Ontario region, Kirsch wants athletes from across the province to be able to experience Israel just as he has. He looks at Maccabiah in Canada as "having a handshake with Israel."

Kirsch said when the final team is selected for 1981 and the athletes and coaches are sent to Israel "it creates an involvement with Israel. By sending a lot of kids who might not have had the opportunity to go to Israel on their own we're creating leaders in the Diaspora as well as in Israel."

Donald Kirsch

For the first time since the Canadian Maccabiah Association was founded it appears that things are really starting to cook. The games will no longer be an event that is talked about for a few weeks every four years. Instead, if Kirsch and his committees are able to carry their plans through, Maccabiah will be a year round thing, something that will occur in the three years leading up to Maccabiah and in Maccabiah year.

For the '81 Games, Kirsch said Canada is hoping to send their biggest contingent ever. He wants a number of those athletes to be from small towns in Ontario. After all, he pointed out "leaders don't necessarily come from big cities. Jimmy Carter came from Peanutville, Georgia."

# Second Encounter's Holocaust seminars examine religious and other responses

By BEVERLEY STERN

For Jewish and Christian theologians, the Holocaust raises hard questions that go to the very heart of religious moral responsibility.

Last week-end at the Ontario Institute of Studies in Education, The Second Encounter, a voluntary adult education group sponsored by the Toronto Jewish Congress, took a long look not just at theological responses to the massacre of six million Jews but at many other related issues as well.

Other topics included racism, the Vietnamese boat people, German Jewish refugees in Canadian internment camps, Argentinian Jews, the psychology of the survivor, and the Holocaust in fiction.

A keynote address to about 200 people by Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education was followed by 14 morning and afternoon seminar sessions led by key resource people such as academics, publishers, survivors and community leaders.

In an afternoon seminar lasting almost two hours, Allan Davies, associate professor, Victoria College, University of Toronto, examined in detail the whole mentality behind the German churches' approval of Hitler's rise to power.

A professor of Protestant studies as well as a teacher in a course on the religious and secular roots of anti-Semitism, Davies said emphatically that "anti-Semitism in its modern racist sense had its roots in forces of modernity — and was not simply derived from Christian anti-Semitism."

Davies asked his audience to consider the particular configuration of forces and events which played upon the German Christian imagination at the time Hitler rose to power.

Widely ranging over German intellectual history since the time of the Reformation upheaval of the 16th century, Davies contended that a strong bias towards conservatism and order emerged within German theology.

"No effective ethic for social criticism ever developed," he said. "Rather the state was seen as a dike against sin, a restraint upon evil."

On top of this "uncritical subservience" to the state," he said, "the currents of romanticism, racism and nationalism gradually came together to infuse the German people with not only a self-love but at the same time a dislike of alien elements."

Davies referred to the German philosopher, Fichte, who spoke of the "uniqueness and distinctive genius of German folk whose destiny it was to act as the real bearer of European culture."

By the 1920s and 1930s," Davis elaborated, "German Christian theologians were convinced that God commanded each people to preserve the purity of its blood so that each people could be spiritual in its own way.

It was the prevailing notion that racial lines had to be preserved, and that anything like inter-marriage which would spiritually dilute the Germans was taboo.

Under the impact of such events as defeat in World War II, the humiliation of the Versaille Treaty, the widely-disliked Wiemar Republic, the depression — the future direction of the German nation began to take shape, Davies pointed out.

With the rise of National Socialism under the charismatic leadership of Hitler, he went on to say, "the German churches paradoxically perceived Hitler as a conservative force who would restore an authentic Germany bound around a love of blood, race and soil.

"It was now just a matter of time before the Jew would be crowded out of German life," he commented.

"Hitler stood as a political messianic force, almost like a latter day Moses. The dark side of his political anti-Semitism was ignored. While some individual Christian ministers protested, on the whole, the German Churches accepted the official explanation for anti-Semitic legislation and activities.

"When the Jews were deported to the death camps, most German Church officials refused to believe such atrocities, explaining them away as war-time propaganda," concluded the former McGill University graduate who also has his doctorate from the Union Theological Seminary.

While the majority of seminar listeners expressed appreciation for Davies' historical overview, participant Morton Manila from Toronto countered sharply that Davies avoided the whole matter of "the demonization of the Jew in Christian theology."

In response, Davies agreed positively that there were Christian religious roots to anti-Semitism but the secular historical roots were also important.

Manila replied that Davies offered an apology for the Christian Church rather than a recognition of the accountability or responsibility of the Church for the development of anti-Semitism.

In another seminar on Jewish theological responses to the Holocaust, Harvey Meirovich, assistant rabbi at Adath Israel Synagogue, looked specifically at what happened to the traditional Jewish rabbinic concept of God as an all-powerful, all-good, and saving force in Jewish history.

The young Toronto rabbi, ordained in New York in 1974 and currently working on his doctoral degree on Jewish-Christian relationships in Canada, outlined a variety of theological responses all the way from the right to the left.

"The extreme right wing traditionalists looked upon the Holocaust as divine retribution, a punishment for a variety of sins" — among which, he mentioned, the sin of assimilation which started with the Enlightenment, and the sin of Zionism which pre-empted God's hand into history rather than allowing for the act of Divine redemption to happen itself.

Other traditionalists such as Eliezer Berkovits argued that any act of Divine intervention in the Holocaust would have interfered with man's freedom of will, and that, therefore, Jews must pay the price for such freedom of choice.

Rejecting altogether the traditional concept of the omniscient, benevolent Creator, another rabbi, Richard Rubinstein, radically affirmed that the redeeming God of history was dead. Meirovich said that Rubinstein urged an anthropocentric rather than theocentric focus in the wake of the Holocaust.

Meirovich compared Rubinstein's tragic vision of the world with Elie Wiesel's equally despairing view — but one which, nevertheless, accepts God's existence but rails against His awful silence during the Holocaust.

Outraged at God's indifference, Wiesel shouts at God and challenges Him for an answer in much the same way as Abraham and other Jews after him dialogued with God.

Standing right in the centre of the theological arguments, Emile Fackenheim, philosopher and University of Toronto professor, said that even though God did not act to save his Jewish people, nevertheless He commanded them to survive.

According to Fackenheim, Jews, both secular and religious, must continue to remember the Holocaust as the ultimate act of destruction of the Jewish people in modern times — and the most unique because the German Final Solution sought to exterminate Jews primarily because they were Jews and as such, synonymous with evil.

In raising many of the problems inherent in the various arguments, Meirovich stressed that "Jewish theologians have not come up with any definitive answers."

He suggested that they would continue to be haunted by the Holocaust for a long time to come.

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# World News

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Israeli MK Amal Nasser A-Din, Yakov Aknin and Nuaf Halbi discuss government settlement with Druzes regarding land programs.

## *Wealthy U.S. engineer found guilty of smuggling stolen goods to PLO*

NEW YORK, (JTA) — A 45-year-old wealthy Long Island engineer who said he was born in Ramallah, Paul Ajlouny, and who described himself as an adviser to the Palestine Liberation Organization, was found guilty recently by a federal jury of trying to smuggle stolen communications equipment to the Middle East in the spring of 1978. Ajlouny lives in Hempstead.

Federal prosecutors said the attempt, stopped on a Brooklyn pier, was part of a scheme to set up an independent telecommunications network for the PLO. Ajlouny faces up to 10 years in prison.

But the jury in Brooklyn's District Court failed to reach a verdict on 136 other counts and a mistrial was declared on those counts. The counts claimed that Ajlouny had placed 136 telephone calls through illegal use of a "blue box," a device by which long distance calls can be made without knowledge of the telephone company.

The office of Edward Korman, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, charged many of those calls had been made to PLO headquarters in Beirut.

The equipment, much of it owned by New York Telephone Company, had been sent by Ajlouny from various places to the Brooklyn pier where it was found by customs inspectors in April, 1978. Judge Mark Constantino allowed Ajlouny to remain free pending sentence but ordered him to hand over his passport to the prosecutor. John Wing, his attorney, said he would appeal.

# V P promotes Bonds, says Israel permanent

WASHINGTON, D.C. — "When you buy Israel Bonds you are waging peace!", Vice-President Walter F. Mondale declared before an international audience of more than 1,000 people in the Washington Hilton Hotel.

"Israel is no longer tentative," he said. "The state of Israel is forever." By investing in the new $1 billion Economic Development for Peace Loan Issue of State of Israel Bonds, you honor the vision of Golda Meir."

The reference to the late Israeli prime minister was in the context of a dinner of tribute tendered by Israel Bonds to Sam Rothberg of Peoria, Ill., general chairman of the Israel Bonds Organization and one of America's foremost leaders in world Jewish affairs.

Rothberg was presented with the first annual Golda Meir Leadership Award, a bust of Mrs. Meir created by Paul Goodman, noted Baltimore sculptor.

The dinner patrons, representing every part of the United States, Canada, Mexico, western Europe, Israel and other countries of the free world, launched the 1980 Israel Bond campaign by subscribing more than $34 million in Bonds and other financial instruments following presentation of the sculpture.

Dr. Yosef Burg, Israel's Interior Minister representing Prime Minister Menachem Begin, vowed free and open elections for West Bank residents of Israel, supervised without intervention by both Arabs and Israelis. "Don't miss this chance! You missed a chance for peace once (at the birth of the state), don't do it again!" he pleaded. "Neither the British Mandate nor Transjordan ever suggested anything close to this endeavour."

In stressing that "when you buy Israel Bonds you are waging peace," the vice-president declared: "Both Micha and Isaiah will agree that the stuff of peace represents computers, grain silos, derricks and factories — because that is exactly what they meant. The stuff of peace are the essentials of economic growth and opportunities."

He added: "Tonight, as you invest in the new peace loan, you honor the visions of Golda Meir. You are building electric power stations, industrial parks, irrigating the desert, exploring for oil, building new highways, airports, railroads and harbors to expand Israel's trade. You will be casting an economic vote of confidence for Israel's survival."

Vice-President Mondale placed the Administration and the nation squarely behind Israel's peace moves. "We will stand by Israel always," he said. "This means secure and recognized borders, an undivided Jerusalem with free access, and reliable economic and military aid, and we will remain full partners in negotiating a comprehensive peace settlement."

Prime Minister Menachem Begin, a personal friend of Rothberg, had expected to attend the dinner but was unable to due to "urgent affairs of state." Nevertheless, the prime minister greeted Rothberg in a filmed message.

"Sam, nobody surpasses you in devotion to Israel's cause," the prime minister said. "You went from country to country, worked day and night, always for the same purpose, to make Israel strong and prosperous and to make her children happy."

## Rebbe opposes —a withdrawal

NEW YORK, N.Y. —

In a public address, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem M. Schneerson, recently expressed firm opposition to the surrender by Israel of any more land under her control. He also expressed dismay at terms of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, which, he said, saw Israel hand over too much for too little.

"Never before in the annals of history has such a lopsided peace treaty between two countries been arranged, in which one country returned territory and other tangibles vital to its own security and economic welfare in exchange for mere "promises" and "a piece of paper," the rebbe emphatically declared.

The rebbe said that the return of land to adversaries who are intellectually and emotionally bent on Israel's annihilation jeopardizes the life and limb of every Jew living in Israel even in the most populous cities.

"The halachic determination in this matter depends upon the security risks involved in the return of the territories in question," the rebbe said. "Just as the halachic ruling in matters of health treatment depends upon the opinion of competent physicians, so does the halachic ruling in matters of military security depend upon the objective opinion of military security depend upon the objective opinion of military strategists who are involved in the **current military situation** in all its ramifications, and whose opinion is unencumbered by political, monetary, or any other considerations.

"These military strategists," the rebbe continued, "have openly stated, clearly and unequivocally, that Israel's return of the territories now being discussed would severely jeopardize the security of the entire country."

Simply stated, the rebbe reemphasized, "we are concerned here with Pikuach Nefesh, the endangering of lives, by the return of the territories in question."

Accordingly, he said, "it follows that the halachic ruling, as stated in the Shulchan Aruch (Hilchos Shabbos, Chapter 329, paragraph 6) clearly applies here, and **prohibits the return of any of the territories now being discussed.**"

The rebbe also expressed his strong opposition to the return of the Sinai oil fields — much of which was developed with private American investment he said. "Nearly all Israel's petroleum needs must be imported from faroff countries, at escalating, staggering costs shaking its entire needs must be imported from faroff countries, at escalating, staggering costs shaking its entire economic structure, while alternate commitments for oil supplies repeatedly fall by the wayside. Upon return of the Sinai fields, at a whim its oil supply could be halted," the rebbe said.

# Jordan's survivor king viewed as embattled, lonely fighter

**TV**

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

King Hussein has had his share of troubles. Beset by political turmoil and personal tragedy, the Jordanian monarch is a survivor in the truest sense of the word.

In the last 25 years, he has overcome rebellions, wars and assassination attempts. Few men of his age — he is in his early 40s — have seen so much and lived to talk about it.

**The World in Conflict** presented a multi-faceted picture of Hussein last week on channel 19. He emerged as a brave, magnanimous, brooding, lonely and dogged fighter — a man who has gained the respect, albeit reluctantly, of Arabs and Israelis.

The king is viewed sympathetically by the producers. In a series of staged vignettes, he is seen riding one of his 30 BMW motorcycles, mingling with his Bedouin troops on manoeuver, practicing pistol shooting and water skiing on the Gulf of Aqaba.

To survive on his throne, Hussein has tried to be friends with everyone, we are told. But for every friend he has made, Hussein has created two enemies. Today, he straddles between radicals and moderates in the Middle East, unable to accept Egypt's diplomacy but unwilling to align himself entirely with rejectionists like Iraq and Syria.

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and Jordan's King Hussein confer. Hussein has survived many rebellions.

Hussein's grandfather, Abdullah, was a shrewd politician who, had he not been assassinated by a Palestinian militant, would probably have gone on to seek a peace agreement with the Israelis. Hussein accompanied his grandfather to the mosque in Jerusalem where he was cut down, and he recalls, in vivid detail, the events of that day. A bullet glanced off a medal on his chest; another one grazed his ear.

At 17, when his father, Talal, was declared legally insane, Hussein became king of the kingdom. At 21, asserting his newfound authority, he dismissed Glubb Pasha, the British commander of the Arab Legion. Since then, Hussein has survived Nasserist rumblings, Palestinian disturbances, the Six Day War, the 1970-71 Palestinian insurrection and the Yom Kippur War. How he will eventually react to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty is the big question today.

Clearly, Hussein is sitting on the fence, or almost. According to the narrator, he is neither dove nor hawk, but a "wise owl."

As Hussein sees it, his divine mission is to rule over the West Bank, which he foolishly lost in the Six Day War. Jerusalem, which is visible from his hilltop mansion on a clear day, is Hussein's symbol of struggle, as he puts it.

Being an absolute monarch, Hussein permits no free elections in his underdeveloped country. He justifies this lack of democracy by saying that an election held on the east bank only would be a tacit recognition of Israel's occupation of the West Bank.

Although the Bedouins are his most loyal supporters, Hussein is said to play down his tribal affiliations. To forge unity in his desert nation, he must appeal to the Palestinians, who are not his most ardent loyalists.

As a human being, Hussein comes across as friendly and yet aloof. He lets his soldiers mob him and kiss his cheek in a grand gesture of noblesse oblige. The atmosphere at family gatherings he creates is superficially informal, yet he expects his staff to rise when he makes an appearance.

Hussein has been married four times, and this TV portrait was filmed before he married his fourth, an American. His third wife, Alia, a Jordanian Palestinian from a well-connected family, was killed in a fiery helicopter crash in February of 1977. She was, he says, the great love of his life. The times they had together constituted "the richest, most beautiful" of his life.

Those years, in fact, pretty well sum up Hussein's life: his capacity to survive in spite of repeated hard knocks.


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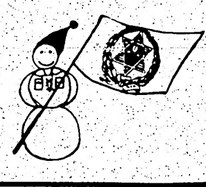

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# The Bookshelf

**A History Of Israel**
**By Howard Sachar**
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Every so often a book appears that can only be described as fantastic. Howard Sachar's **A History Of Israel** falls into that rare category. Well-written and comprehensive, this tome will appeal to general readers, university students, scholars and journalists.

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**Everything In The Window**
**By Shirley Faessler**
**McClelland & Stewart**
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This is the gloomy, unrelievedly pessimistic story of Sophie Glicksman, a Jewish woman who finds it impossible to come to terms with the strictures of her constricted lifestyle in the Toronto of the 1930s. It is also, in its own way, a fictional probe into Christian-Jewish relations.

Shirley Faessler's first novel, its one glaring fault notwithstanding, succeeds to a large extent in conveying a portrait of a doomed relationship and of a Romanian-Jewish family struggling for survival in the midst of the Depression.

Her characters are well drawn and defined, her plot plausible. The descriptions of Toronto Jewish life ring true. But the final few pages, embracing the desperate disappointment of Billy James, Sophie's gentle husband, are not quite authentic and rather melodramatic.

While the book is not marred by the final scene, **Everything In The Window** would have been a better novel had Ms. Faessler written a more convincing ending.

A short story writer, Ms. Faessler's first novel generally glitters with the promise of a talented writer. If she can learn from the mistakes she committed in **Everything In The Window,** her second novel could well be a literary event of the first order.

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**Paris Interlude**
**By Naim Kattan,**
**Translated from French by Sheila Fischman,**
**McClelland and Stewart,**
**$12.95**

**Paris Interlude,** following in the wake of **Farewell, Babylon,** is Naim Kattan's fond glance backwards at his student days in Paris. Written in the form of a memoir, it is actually a novel with thinly disguised characters. Meir, the central figure, is Kattan.

The novel is about innocence shed, love lost and gained, and the coming of age of a young Iraqi Jew making the transition from an Islamic culture to a West European milieu.

The dramatic tension that sustains a reader's interest revolves around Meir's love affairs, his mixed feelings about his homeland and his decision to scuttle his established routine at the Sorbonne.

Generally, the writing is fresh and crisp, though it lags at times. The characters — Anne, Halina, Maxie, Meir — are plausible.

**Paris Interlude** bridges the gap between east and west and between Islam, Judaism and Christianity. It is the product of a cultured, humane writer who hungers for the brotherhood of man, but who has no illusions about the actual situation.

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**Animals Build Amazing Homes**
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Well-written and well-illustrated children's books are a treat for tots, and Hedda Nussbum's offering is such a book.

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For kids who are just on the verge of discovering the big, wide world, **Animals Build Amazing Homes** is fine reading.

Yigal Allon, then Israel's foreign minister, meets Secretary of State Henry Kissinger at Ben-Gurion Airport during latter's shuttle diplomacy. Israeli ambassador to the United States, Simcha Dinitz, is seen in the background.

# Band enraptures a keen audience

## music

By RICK KARDONNE

Highest praise is due The Diaspora Yeshiva Band, as exemplified by their appearance at University of Toronto Convocation Hall on Nov. 22. It totally enraptured an enthusiastic audience, which ended up dancing in the aisles.

This show was produced by U of T Hillel and York JSF. The Diaspora Yeshiva Band consists of five members of the Diaspora Yeshiva on Mount Zion in Jerusalem, which educates Diaspora Jewish youth with no previous religious background.

Consisting of Winnipeg-born Menachem Herman on bass, Gedaliah Goldstein on drums, Simcha Abramson on tenor sax, Avram Rosenblum on electric guitar and Ben-Zion Solomon on acoustic guitar, this group, skilfully interweaving and fusing traditional Jewish themes with North American rock styles of the 1965-75 period, holds its own with any existing rock band in the world today.

Among their most outstanding selections (all originals) was a Yiddish number sung to a syncopated minor-key rock melody, expressing the idea that it is wonderful to be a Jew.

The chorus refrain evoked joyous audience cries of "oy oy oy." Then there was a beautiful wedding song; a unique song of Jewish inter-generational continuation entitled Moses; a square dance square symbolizing the ingathering of Jews from all four corners of the world to Jerusalem; and a beautiful ballad prophesying the construction of the Third Temple.

I definitely got the strong feeling that The Diaspora Yeshiva Band represents what will ultimately be the dominant trend in total Jewish music - be it secular or religious - within the next 10 years: a positive reawakening of Jewish musical roots as a core within North American youth.

Certainly, the enthusiastic audience response was a healthy basis to back my supposition that Jewish pop music represents the wave of the near future among us.

Opening act, Myra Rabinowitz, from Toronto, has a pleasant voice but her repertoire should have included more Jewish-content material for a show of this sort, rather than her selection of mostly American folk-rock ballads from about six years ago, which seemed out of place.

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**STEPHEN SONDHEIM REVUE:** Stephen Sondheim's lyrics to nine Broadway musicals within the last 22 years encapsulate the slow but steady progressing disillusionment of the North American urban conscience (which includes much of the secular-assimilationist Jewish psyche) in the surrounding society. From the socio-political protest and in-control social commentary of **West Side Story** and **Gypsy** to the escapist-but-still-optimistic fun of **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum,** the Sondheim mood became progressively disillusioned and introspectively cynical in the post Vietnam era, as exemplified by the socially isolationist domestic-malaise (under a false, brittle super-sophisticated veneer) depicted in **Company, Follies** and **A Little Night Music.** Sondheim's return to the political realm in 1976 represented by **Pacific Overtures** depicted not a mood of potent protest but rather one of impotent cynicism. And finally, he made the final break with humanistic hope in 1978 with his totally nihilistic, anti-human, ugly bloodbath **Sweeney Todd.**

Neither the two existing musical anthologies of Stephen Sondheim's works, **Side by Side by Sondheim** or the new Toronto-originated **Something Familiar,** currently at the Theatre-in-the-Dell, examine him from this broader chronological perspective. Still, if one knows the dates of his various shows, the significance of the pattern is recognizable. And so, **Something Familiar** is definitely worth seeing; not only for the significance of Sondheim's songs in themselves but also because it is fortunate to have the tightly polished yet comprehending trio of stolid David Dunbar, pert Edda Gabourek and svelte Maida Roberson providing for a highly entertaining evening.

# *Pachino named*

MONTREAL — Miriam Stern, national president of Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women's Organization of Canada, has announced the appointment of Judith Pachino of Toronto as field director for the organization.

Mrs. Pachino was born in Baltimore, Md., and is a graduate of Hunter College in New York. Rabbi Marvin and Mrs. Pachino have recently moved to Toronto from Chicago, where she was on the faculty of the Arie Crown Hebrew Day School. Previous to that, the family lived in Montreal, where Mrs. Pachino was involved in the work of Mizrachi Women, serving

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# Kruger to open third book fair

Arthur Kruger, dean of the faculty of arts and science, University of Toronto, will officially open the third annual Jewish Book Fair on Saturday evening, Dec. 8, 1979, at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

A reception, given every year, will be held before the program in order to give guests an opportunity to meet the featured speaker, Max I. Dimont, author of **Jews, God and History.** Tickets for this opening night event have been sold out for several weeks.

Another opening night guest, flown in directly from Israel, is Uri Fink, a Tel Aviv high school student, who designs the first-ever, English-language comic book produced in Israel, **Sabraman.** He will be at Book Fair throughout the week as well as the International Hannuka Festival on Dec. 16.

# U.S. and the Middle East

## book review

By SHELDONKIRSHNER

**Decade of Decisions**
**By William Quandt**
**University of California Press**
**$4.95 paperback**

**Conflict & Bargaining In The Middle East**
**By Shlomo Aronson**
**John Hopkins University Press**
**$18.95**

The United States has played a key role in Middle East diplomacy since the Six Day War. From Lyndon Johnson's proposals to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict to Henry Kissinger's frenetic shuttles, Washington has been deeply involved in the affairs of the region.

The books in question address themselves to American involvement in the Middle East, though the latter is more in the nature of an analysis of Israeli foreign policy within the context of its domestic politics.

**Decade of Decisions** is a far superior effort to **Conflict & Bargaining In the Middle East** both in terms of readability and substance. Aronson's volume is marred by political science jargon which detracts rather than elucidates. For example: "One can see (Kissinger's) step-by-step approach as an expression of the structural-functionalist variant of positivist evolutionary thinking of the future."

William Quandt, a former National Security Council advisor on the Middle East, deals with four crises since 1967: the Six Day War, the 1970 civil war in Jordan, the Yom Kippur War and the 1975-76 Lebanese Civil War.

Except for two distinct periods in 1968-69 and 1971-73, Washington has tried virtually every imaginable policy in an attempt to bring peace to the area: a package settlement at the close of 1969 (the Rogers Plan) and an interim settlement between 1973 and 1975 (Kissinger's three disengagement pacts).

In his view, the U.S. is guilty of responding to crises rather than anticipating them, and all too often presidents have not shown sufficient interest in the Arab-Israeli conflict (Quandt wrote **Decade of Decisions** prior to Anwar Sadat's trip to Jerusalem, so he can be forgiven for not having known that Jimmy Carter would take such a passionate interest in the Middle East. On the other hand, as Carter's resident Middle East expert, Quandt may have pushed him in that direction).

Quandt has mixed feelings about Kissinger, the architect of Washington's rapprochement with the Arabs in the wake of 1973 war.

The secretary of state achieved only limited agreements, valuable as they were, and he fluctuated between a recognition that a comprehensive agreement was essential and a belief that each diplomatic step could be isolated from the others.

Kissinger was also unable to come to grips with the Soviet Union and its aspirations in the Middle East, according to Quandt, who was on the staff of the University of Pennsylvania as a political scientist before he joined the Carter administration early in 1977. He wavered between exaggerating the Soviet role and minimizing it.

Finally, Kissinger had a "blind spot" toward the Palestinians, who form the core of the Arab-Israeli dispute. "He knew that at some point (the Palestinian issue) would have to be confronted... But he geared much of his diplomacy to trying to circumvent this crucial issue, to putting off the moment of truth, to weakening the appeal of the Palestinian movement, all the while hoping that some alternative would appear."

Drawing lessons from the decade which he examines, Quandt writes that time is not on the side of peace; that war is not prevented primarily by maintaining the military balance clearly in Israel's favor; that Arab solidarity is necessary in order to achieve peace, and that the Palestinian question can only be ignored at everyone's peril.

While **Decade of Decisions** is lucid and persuasive, **Conflict & Bargaining In the Middle East** is not. Aronson, a Hebrew University senior lecturer, sheds some light on Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy, U.S.-Israel and U.S.-Soviet relations, and his analysis of Israeli politics and its relationship with the Middle East is fine to a point.

But he mars it all with turgid, convuluted prose that belongs in an aircraft manual rather than in a book that should quicken one's intellectual pulse.

**Maurice Seigel**

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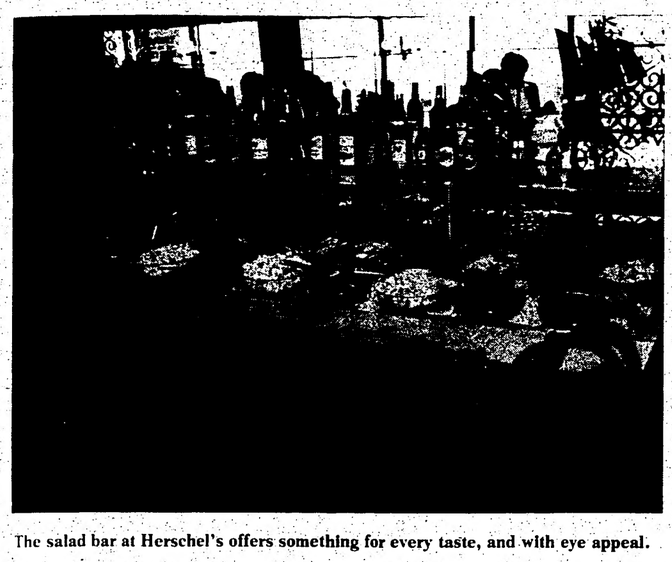

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Food is no stranger to her. She's the co-author of **The Flavor of Jerusalem**, and she writes on ethnic food for the Boston Globe and the Washington Post.

She is married, and one can only envy her husband...



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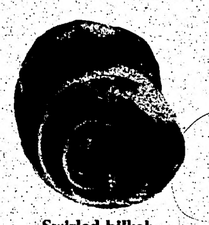

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# VEAL KEEPS THEM KORMAN

Terry Panourgias first earned his living as a printer and "took up" cooking as a lark. However, as he became more intrigued with the scope and excitement of the preparation of food, he decided to study with several well-known chefs, including the famous Jamaican chef, Clive Ewing.

In 1968 he opened his first restaurant, a coffee shop, in what was then a somewhat desolate area, Thorncliffe Park. The shop prospered and led to the expansion in 1971, to a full-fledged restaurant. Terry also persuaded his brother Gregory, a captain at Sutton Place's famous Royal Hunt Dining Room, to join him as well.

In the early '70s, the Spanish theme was popular and so the restaurant was planned with deep reds, polished woods and brass. Interior design was created by Norman Freas, an expert in that field. The name, El Conquistador, was chosen to go with the decor although the food concept was to be steaks, seafood and superb Canadian cooking.

## ALMOST ANY FOOD YOU WANT

Today, the restaurant's menu covers almost every kind of food anyone could want from the finest, freshest seafoods to superbly cooked and seasoned steaks and ribs. Desserts are not considered essential because Terry feels that they add nothing to one's health and well-being.

Constantly increasing the variety of his food, Panourgias personally oversees all food preparation and often dons chef's hat and apron to prepare or devise some special menu or food which has been ordered. Most days he spends several hours in his beloved kitchen, tasting, sampling, innovating. His staff of 12 is also a large responsibility and both he and Gregory hold regular staff training sessions each week.

If there is a major food concept it's quality. Most things are prepared at the time of service. Shopping and the menu depend on what's fresh and available in the city's markets. "You can't really do much with a poor product," says Terry. "It pays to buy the best."

During the past five years, acceptance of fish as a popular menu item has tripled. Today's physical fitness devotees prefer its lightness and low caloric content over steaks and other traditionally popular dishes. Crab legs, lobster, scallops and shrimp sole — they're all increasingly popular in today's top restaurants.

But Terry is the first to admit that foods have their fashion and the turn may be away from fish in the next five years. "Good, fresh fish costs a fortune. We'll buy and prepare anything our customers want but they must be prepared to pay the price." However, he maintains that it's not necessary to break the budget to eat out, and well.

What's the most popular dish today? Veal, in almost any form. 45% of the requests at El Conquistador are for seafood, steak or veal, with one overwhelming favorite leading the race. Veal Korman! It's an original dish at El Conquistador. The story is that friend, tailor and customer Saul Korman, president of Korry's, Clothiers for Gentlemen, asked Terry if he would prepare a dish which Korman first ate in New York City. He had been searching Toronto for a restaurant which would bring it to Canada. Terry flew to New York, visited the famous restaurant which served it, tried it, discussed it with the chef and thus incorporated it into his menu. And the rest is history.

At least one-third of the guests visiting El Conquistador ask for Veal Korman. It's made with the finest veal obtainable, properly charred on the outside, grilled to a succulent pink inside and served about four inches thick. Complete with a green salad and a vegetable, the total number of calories is 600. Needless to say it pleases both health enthusiasts and gourmet diners alike.

Other popular menu items are superb steaks, magnificent roasts and succulent ribs. All restaurants have their own policy but here, meals begin with a complimentary appetizer tray of creamy cottage cheese, baby shrimp, cooked in special sauce, kosher dills, black olives and quantities of hot, garlic bread. There's an excellent wine cellar and impeccable service.

El Conquistador is a restaurant well worth visiting. Once you do you'll want to return.

# FLORIDA RIB TREATS TO ABOUND HERE NOW

Hundreds of local residents head to Fort Lauderdale, Florida each year to enjoy the sun, sand and salt water. Bob O'Brien enjoyed those attractions too but also fell in love with another attraction. The recipient of his affection was Bobby Rubino's Place for Ribs.

O'Brien was impressed with the quality of the food and the overall operation of Bobby Rubino's and decided that rather than local residents having to go all the way to Florida to enjoy this culinary delight, he would bring Bobby Rubino's to them.

Along with partners Allan Tyler and Roy Morden, O'Brien has purchased the Canadian franchise for Bobby Rubino's and have opened the first spot in Mississauga.

Bobby Rubino's Place For Ribs is located at 1565 Dundas East, just east of Dixie Rd., and is the first of 35 such operations the owners plan for Canada.

The waitresses are most attractive, clad in black and white French made outfits and offer customers arm service only, thus eliminating trays and tray tables in the dining room.

Lunch is served daily from noon until 3 p.m. with dinner available from 3 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Although the specialties of the house are barbecued chicken and black ribs, it is possible to have a steak or rainbow trout.

The young and enthusiastic staff is under the supervision of General Manager Dave Thompson and Floor Manager Reid Lewis.

Having tried both the barbecued ribs and chicken, I can understand why Bob O'Brien was so anxious on getting the Canadian franchise. The cuisine is terrific and will truly be at the top of my list for a place for ribs.

Bobby Rubino's is open noon to 1 a.m. daily and from noon to 10 a.m. on Sunday. It is also fully licensed under the L.L.B.O.

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"When styling hair, I prefer a natural healthy hair color," he says, "like the natural soft tones of baby hair." For his daytime style, Elmer used a mix of Sunstone and Carnelian, and tucked the classic shoulder length hair behind the ears, then molded it into soft deep waves around the face.

"The chic small head will emerge after dark," Elmer predicts. His evening look -- soft waves at the face with tightly rolled sides coiled into a neat chignon at the nape of the neck -- was coloured with Madeira Topaz. "Restrained, but soft," he emphasizes.

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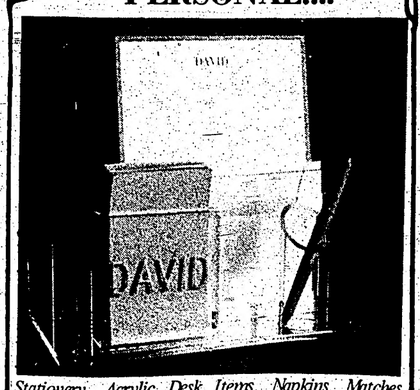


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# BEAUTY FROM HAND TO FOOT

## beauty scene

By LILY ALEXANDER

*Toronto skin care and makeup authority Lily Alexander is Managing Director of Esthetics of Mira Lander, Inc.*

The hands are what one notices about a woman immediately. Except for her face, they are the most visible part of her body. Some look slim and artistic, some look square and competent. But whatever their shape, size or style, the hands are where age shows early, frequently revealing more than one realizes.

Old-looking or unattractive hands can undo the whole favorable impression created by an attractive, youthful-looking face.

Lily Alexander

Now, with the holiday season upon us, along with winter weather that chaps and roughens, it's time to pay a little extra attention to the care you give your hands.

Traditionally, a woman has had her manicure at a hair stylist's. Recently, however, the idea of treatment has begun to play an important part in manicures — and pedicures, too, as beauty authorities seek to alleviate problems of both hands and feet.

Most interesting for hands is a special hand treatment that is both relaxing and beautifying. First, an enzyme mask is used to remove rough skin from hands, lower arms and elbows. Aromatic gels are then massaged into the skin. These are followed by the application of warm paraffin which softens and smooths the hands. When it is removed (see photo), electrical heating mittens are worn to help the gels penetrate the skin. The treatment concludes with a manicure.

Another recent development, this one for the fingernails, is a cream derived from horses' manes, which effectively toughens nails that were prone to chipping and breaking. This cream, commercially available under a number of different names, enables women to grow longer, harder nails that can more readily be shaped and can more easily resist the rigours of typing, dishwashing and, of course, sports.

Pedicures have long been part of a complete beauty regimen. Now, however, electrically-heated booties are coming into use as part of the foot comfort treatment. These specially-designed booties relax tired feet by stimulating their circulation, while the creams applied underneath the booties help to soften hardened skin on the soles of the feet.

Many beauty institutions in Canadian cities now offer these hand and foot treatments. But having only one treatment is really not enough. While it will certainly make your hands or feet feel better, a regular series is recommended for best results.

What can you do at home to help condition your hands and feet? The most obvious thing is to wear rubber gloves when you do the dishes or laundry. Also, before retiring at night you can massage a special hand cream into your hands, and then wear surgical gloves overnight to help the cream penetrate.

The same type of home treatment will help feet that are dry and rough. First, rub in a rich, deep-penetrating foot cream and then wear booties to bed. If you don't have booties, wrap your feet in saran wrap instead!

Surgical gloves and saran wrap may not seem all that romantic, but beautiful hands and feet do — and the results are well worth the effort.

The first step in Esthetics' hand treatment is applying an enzyme mask.

# LIVELY, FLASHY LOOKS FOR LEGS ADD PZAZZ, ZING

Sensuous black and sparkling silver are the 'in' colors for party footwear this holiday season.

Black, a big look in cocktail dresses and suits this fall, comes on strong in another fashion hit, the classy dress pump.

Neat and sophisticated, the party pump, in suede or satin, features closed toe or small toe opening and high, cone-shaped or slim heel. It can be dressed up with rhinestone glitter, metallic trim or clip-on accessories such as buttons, bows and feathers.

Also popular for the cocktail hour is the low fashion boot in dressy suede with high heel and contrasting trim. It looks super with dressy pants with a tapered leg.

"For a lively, flashier look, the silver shoe is coming on strong in an open pump or sandal, again with a very high heel," says Ruby Osten, president of The Shoe Shoppe Limited which operates 17 Rubys Shoes stores, the Shoe Shoppes in Fairweathers and three Feathers shoe stores. "For added interest, the sandal has varied back treatment."

Another, more daring look is to put the high colors on the foot -- bright red, yellow or purple shoes in leather, satin or suedes, with similar styling to the black or silver shoe.

Focus is on the leg this season, so stockings have become a major accessory. With black outfits, wear black, taupe or flesh shades; with silver, try flesh or grey tones; with bright colors, wear flesh or coordinated shades. For added flare, experiment with styles featuring glitter, seams or pattern trims.

With the demise of the disco bag, evening purses have taken on a new look — more horizontal than vertical and with no compartments. One of the most popular styles is the shoulder bag that converts into a clutch.

"Color coordination for bags and shoes is up to individual taste and needn't match, especially in the silver or high colors," says Osten. "Most suitable for all tones — and for all seasons — is the dressy black bag in suede, satin, reptile or soft leather."

# NEW MAKEUP IS THE RAGE

Electa and Corrado describe the makeup they designed for the upcoming festive season as "softly romantic, evocative of La Belle Epoque - an era when fragile beauty was held in high esteem."

To achieve a complexion of pale porcelain perfection, Electa applies Lightest Ivory Matte Foundation. Cheeks blush warmly with Fuschia Blush. A light dusting of Translucent #1 Powder sets makeup.

To delineate the eyes, Electa rims them completely, both inside and out, with Black Kajal Pencil. Bold Gold Highlighter Shadow covers the complete lid. Mulberry Lights Shadow is strategically applied to natural eye shadows -- outer eye corners and beside the nose.

Brushed over the cheekbones for a soft glimmer is Blue Rubies (a loose luminous pink powder lightly tinged with blue). When applied to the inner one-third of the eyelids, Blue Rubbies illuminates the eyes.

Electa uses Blue Rubies in another innovative way. After outlining the lips' in Pepper Pink, Blue Rubies is buffed onto lips. Furious Fuschia Lipstick is applied overtop, then glossed with Pink Liplighter.

Their make-up is evocative of La Belle Epoque.

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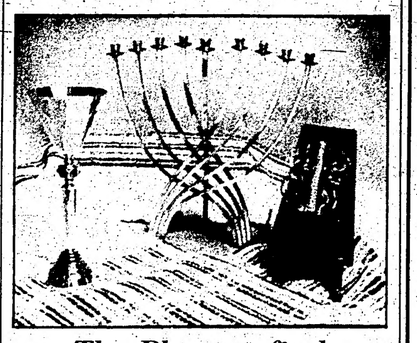

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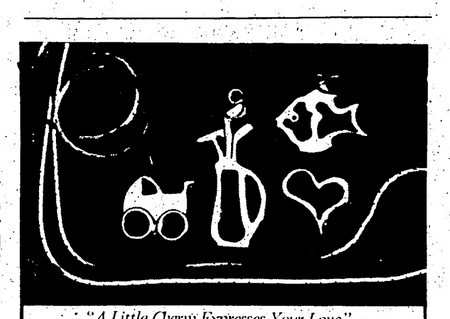

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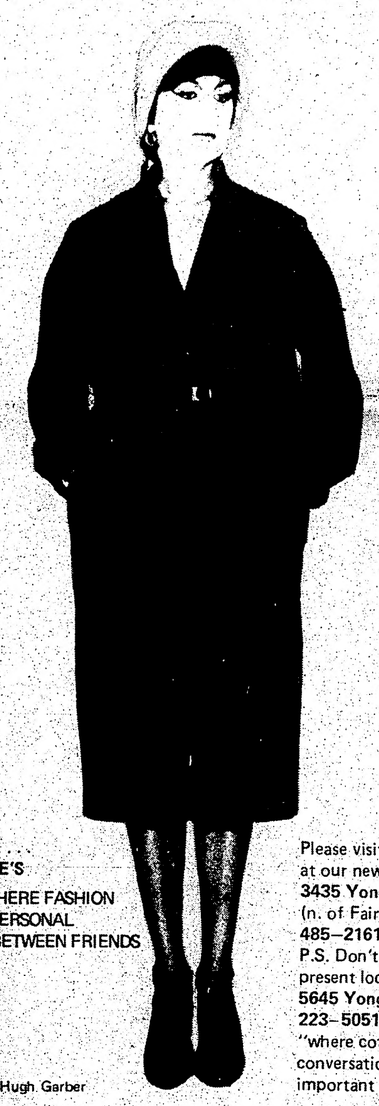

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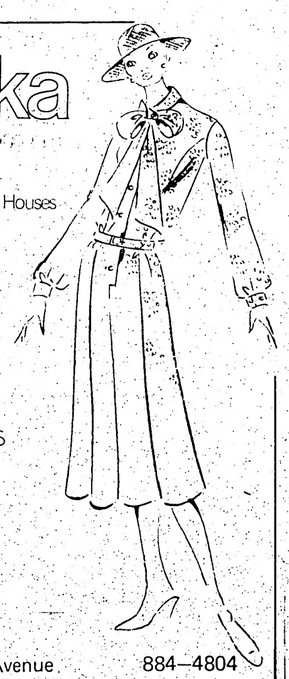

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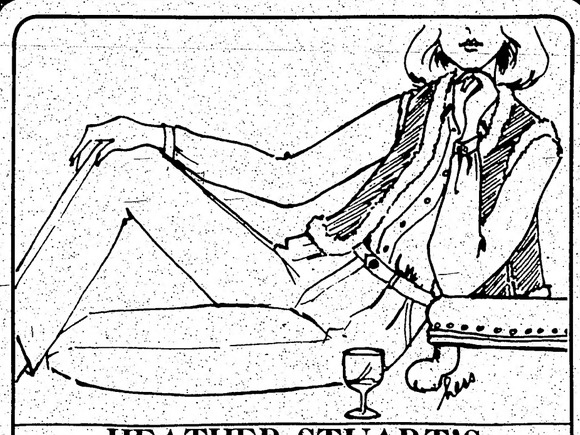

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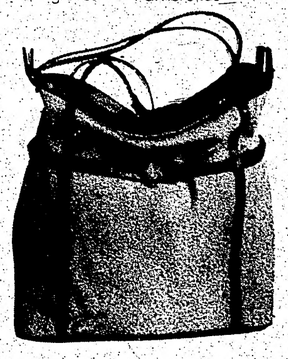

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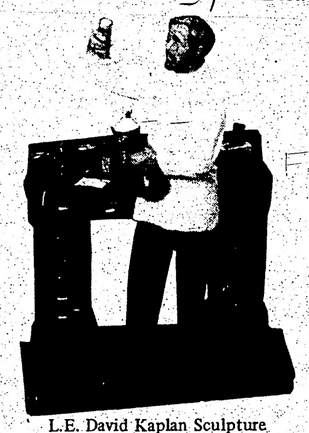

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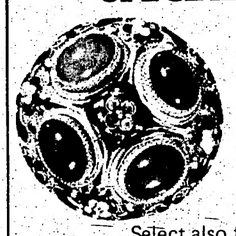

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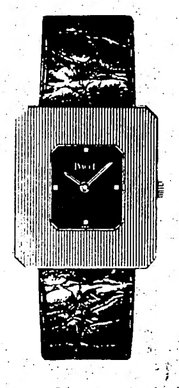

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# Israel's American dude ranch near Sea of Galilee

By PHYLLIS KRASILOVSKY

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It was all carefully conceived so that gardens and lush meadows backdropped by the Galilee Mountains are always visible. The ranch is an ideal haven for ecology-minded quasi-escapists who yearn for some Israeli mind-raising consciousness. As Avni inimitably expresses it, the ranch "specializes in disorganized activity and no one has to have a good time. Our aim is to encourage people to be travellers. We average thirty percent tourists and seventy percent Israeli guests. People really come together here."

Fifteen Arabian horses are kept in a stable that competes in charm with the one in Vienna's Spanish Riding School. There is also a corral for riding instruction, as well as natural trails filled with scenic wonders. Jeeps are also available to guests who want to ride over back roads.

There are five, four, three, and no-star units, and "if you come with a sleeping bag you can sleep in a haystack." Avni's Israeli wife runs the kitchen which specializes in such all-American fare as chicken-in-a-basket, hot fudge sundaes, and even dry Martinis, but her fame is based on the best apple and lemon pies baked in Israel.

The ranch is but one of many reasons that is putting Tiberias on the itenerary of hundreds of tourists. Its year-round temperate climate is another. Superlative accomodations have also begun to change Tiberias from a Biblical curiosity into a focal center for Galilee touring. The new five-star Tiberias Plaza Hotel, related to the estimable Jerusalem Plaza, has eye-opening cubistic shapes which jut out over the lake. They offer uninterrupted vistas from every balcony. Jacqueline Kennedy, the well-known devotee of new "in" places, has already checked in under the pseudonym of "Mrs. Cohen."

The traditional Galei Kinnereth Hotel has remodeled an entire wing to match its notable old-world service. The new four-star Ganei Hamat Hotel is adjacent to the Young Tiberias Hot Springs Spa, mind-boggling in its modernity and electronic sophistication. The scientifically-designed equipment, some in almost Dr. Strangelove fashion, simplifies treatment and operation with a battery of buttons. The indoor and outdoor Olympic-sized mineral pools, glamorous gymnasiums and treatment rooms, have panoramic views of the lake.

Seven thousand feet below sea level, Tiberias is actually a small town with only twenty thousand inhabitants. It lies two hours away from both Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Olives, grapes, lemons, and dates are just a few of the crops which flourish in its subtropical climate. The hills of Lower Galilee on the west, the rocky inclines of Golan Heights on the east, and the Upper Galilee Mountains on the north are met by snow-covered Mount Hermon, a visual twin to Japan's Fujiama.

The environs haven't changed much since the days when Jesus trod Galilee's shores preaching to the fishermen. The birthplace of Mary Magdalene, a small white Moorish cake topped by a broken "candle" chimney is just off the main road. North of the lake lie the ruins of Capernaum, an important city in Jesus' time. The entrance to the temple that Jesus frequented has especially fine decorations. Benedictine monastery now stands in place of Tabgha, the site of the miracle of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes, but the remains of the simple church have been well preserved. Its floor, dating from 104 A.D., is a mosaic carpet decorated with exotic birds, as well as the legendary loaves and fishes. Rising above the sea is the majestic Mount of the Beatitudes where, according to Christian tradition, Jesus preached the renowned Sermon on the Mount. The tomb of Maimonides, the Jewish sage, is marked with a big marble slab carved in Hebrew. Each year, on Lag B'Onner, fifty days after Passover, hundreds celebrate the holiday there with huge bonfires.

Pleasant excursions to Ein Gev and Safad can be made by car or bus, or by ferry across Lake Kinneret. Ein Gev, renowned for its annual spring music festival, is also the birthplace of Yigal Allon, leader and historian, who can frequently be seen tending the banana groves there. A complete outing traditionally includes lunch at the kibbutz' excellent fish restaurant. Safad, the ancient winding town whose houses perch precariously on hillsides, can be reached in an hour. It contains two beautiful ancient synagogues and a flourishing artists' colony. More than forty resident painters, sculptors, and potters sell and display their work in colorful galleries.

The legendary harp-shaped Sea of Galilee, (or Lake Kinneret), meets the pink mountains opposite like an abstract water color wash..blue, pink, and more blue on top for the sky. Down at the shore-front of the Plaza Hotel, an adjoining hostel's white-washed exterior barely disguises a former Byzantine church. Three flaking Roman arches amidst coconut palm trees also serve as instant visible reminders of Tiberias' timelessness. As a veering water-skier, or a well-filled tour boat ripples the water, one is inclined to wonder how long the ancient serenity can be maintained in the face of increasing notoriety and popularity.

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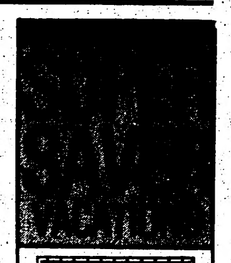
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## There is the smell of latkes, jam-filled doughnuts ...

# Chanukah in Jerusalem involves all senses

By DVORA WAYSMAN

JERUSALEM — Through the open windows, I can hear voices singing 'Maoz Tsur', from quivering childish soprano to deep baritone. The melody is the same in every Jewish home around the world, for this is Chanukah, the Feast of Lights. But there is something different about it for me now ... I am hearing it in Jerusalem, and it has a very special significance.

I am walking near my home in Kiryat Moshe. It is a religious neighborhood - but in a relaxed, non-oppressive sort of way. There is room here for all kinds of Jews - the crocheted 'kipot' type form the majority, with a few black ones, a very few 'shtreimels' and a scattering of bare heads.

It is just after sunset and on almost every window ledge or balcony there is a **chanukiah** burning. Most are made of copper, decorated with designs of lions, vines, pomegranates or eagles. In the distance, a giant menorah, visible all over Jerusalem, sits atop the Knesset. Other menorot are illuminating the tops of public buildings and water towers.

Where it started: little girl in Jerusalem lights Chanukah candles, and all glow.

Chanukah in Jerusalem is not only a feast of light, it involves all the senses. There is the smell of sofganyot - wonderful jam-filled (and very fattening!) doughnuts frying in oil, and the taste of latkes of all kinds. Children are singing, and showing each other their Chanukah gelt (money) and 'dreidels' - the four-sided spinning top with the Hebrew letters Nun, Gimel, Hei and Shin, standing for "Ness gadol haya poh" - "A great miracle happened here" (outside Israel it is 'sham' "there").

On the first night, the shamash lights just one candle; on the second night two are lit, and an extra one each evening until on the last night all eight are burning. Some people burn oil, but most use multi-colored candles like those that decorate children's birthday cakes.

This is Chanukah in Jerusalem, and I can't help contrasting it with those I remember from Australia, where I was born. There, Chanukah had to compete with "Ten shopping days to Christmas" and giant effigies of Santa Claus and Christmas trees in the streets and shop windows. It became rather overshadowed and its significance somehow diminished.

But here in Jerusalem one can celebrate it fully and absorb the meaning of the first Chanukah, which happened in this very city more than 2,000 years ago. The historical story is well-known. Judah the Maccabee led a revolt against the Hellenistic Syrians who occupied the land of Israel around 165 B.C.E., and he was victorious. There is a miracle associated with the victory. When the Temple was to be rededicated, only one cruse of sacramental oil was found. It was supposed to burn for just one day, but miraculously it lasted for eight days until other pure oil could be prepared.

As with other festivals in the cycle of the Jewish year, Chanukah has a dual origin - historical and seasonal. Long before the Maccabees, there was an established winter festival at this time (ref: Babylonian Talmud, Avodah Zarah 8 b). One reason was for the gradual increase in daylight after the ominous, steadily darkening days of late autumn. Another was connected with the kindling of fire, an ancient Jewish custom at the dedication of the Temple altar. Yet a third was the festive act of carrying wands wreathed with leaves, branches of fruit and palm fronds (ref: 2 Maccabees 10.5-8). Whether Chanukah draws its source from the historical or the seasonal, the central motif is light.

In our time, Chanukah signifies the struggle of the weak against the strong, and the few against the many. It is very meaningful in Israel today, which has had to fight five wars in its short history, always against far greater odds.

What a wonderful feeling to walk, at Chanukah, through the very streets where Judah Maccabee led his victorious army 2,000 years ago. One can visualise them bearing their wands as they offered hymns and praise. Today, the voices are of children singing "Maoz Tsur" as their fathers recite the blessings on the 'Chanukah'. The brave little candles send forth their light from the windowsills and balconies of Jerusalem, eternal capital of the Jewish people.

Chanukah is a magic potpourri of light and song, dreidels, latkes and Chanukah gelt. We are celebrating a miracle. My own miracle is that I am celebrating it in Jerusalem. How lucky I am!

# Disney World ideal location for conventions

By HOWARD WAX

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# Shock, morbid curiosity greet paintings of Halifax artist

*This is the first of a 3-part series by Heather Solomon on Halifax Jews who are prominent in the arts.*

By HEATHER SOLOMON

HALIFAX —

Shock and morbid curiosity are the first emotions to attack the viewer of Halifax artist Natalie Oler's paintings of human despair.

As a Jew, born and brought up in this large Maritime port city, Oler dedicated her one-woman show, mounted in 1975, to her late father-in-law, Rabbi Abraham Oler of New York. It was entitled "Atrocities" and formed an essay on 26 canvasses dealing with the Holocaust.

"I locked myself into an unventilated room for 10 months during which I had to psyche myself up to paint," she recalled. A striking example of her expressionistic and heavily textural works is the canvas depicting a trainload of Jews passing through the gates of a death camp, emerging on the other side in translucently ghost-like bodies.

Four years later, the artist still questions the attitude of the Jewish community who reacted with indifference and indignation because of her lack of first-hand experience and even the desire to forget what must never be forgotten. Her defense was the feeling that "most Jews have a close identity with it (the Holocaust)." Her dentist husband's family was one of many who suffered losses in Poland during the war.

Born Natalie Newman in 1931, the artist grew up with two siblings in the relatively small Jewish community of Halifax which today boasts two synagogues. Oler graduated from Dalhousie and

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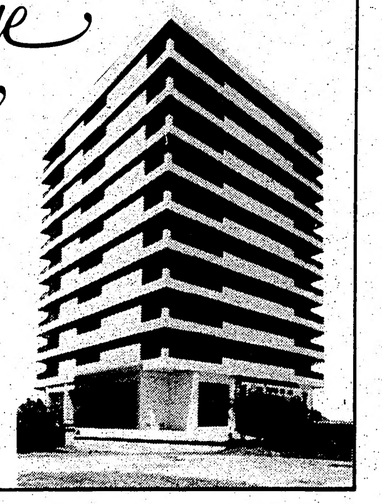

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# *Israel issues Year of Child stamp*

stamps

By CHAIM YEHUDA

On Nov. 6, Israel issued a special stamp commemorating the "International Year of the Child (IYC). Most other countries including Canada, Australia, the U.K. and West Germany (single stamp in memory of Anne Frank) have also released stamps honoring IYC.

The Israeli stamp for IL. 8.50 designed by Miri Siegler-Eliya of Tel Aviv is multicolored, and printed by the Government Printers using the photogravure process in sheets of 15 with five tabs. This stamp shows a typical Israeli with his "kova tembel", sitting astride a rainbow with hope, with humor, aspiring upwards, free and happy. The tab includes the insignia of the IYC.

The importance of the IYC lies in the certainty that children constitute the future. No investment is more crucial for humanity. The keynote of the resolution passed by the General Assembly of the United Nations, declaring 1979 the International Year of the Child, is to focus attention on children's needs.

Israel established a national commission under the patronage of Mrs. Ofira Navon, wife of the president of the state. All government ministries and public organizations providing services for children are members, as well as many non-governmental organizations and projects for children.

Whilst the central objective is to ensure improvement and better policies for children, particularly in countries where the poorest and most disadvantaged are concentrated, IYC is also doing everything possible to emphasize the importance of joy and fun of childhood for the children themselves.

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**Bathurst-Baycrest.** Lovely 3 bedrooms and garage. $550. Steps to bus and shopping. Bathurst-Shelborne. 2 bedrooms, finished basement. $550. 781-9909 Dave. 6

## HOUSES FOR SALE

**Thornhill 2 Storey**
4 bedroom, 3 washrooms, main floor family room, 10¼% mortgage. Priced to sell. 889-1284. 6

**Bathurst-Steeles.** Open house Sunday, Dec. 2, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 4 bedroom semi, main floor den. Good financing. Move in condition. $89,999. 64 Fontainbleau Dr. 226-1718. 13

**Bathurst-Finch**
Only 6 new luxury semi-detached homes available at $79,990 with 11% mtge., 3 bdrm., extra large family room with fireplace, 3 washrooms, choice of broadloom and cupboards. Immediate possession. For information call 636-0680.

**Bathurst-York Downs**
Detached side-split. Tastefully decorated, air conditioned, broadloom, finished basement, stove, fridge and dishwasher. Close to shopping, transportation, and synagogue. Call Mr. Iustini, Security R. E. 654-1010.

**York Downs-Bathurst**
Beautiful 6-rm. bungalow, 3 bdrms., in excellent condition. Fin. bsmt., close to synagogue & schools. H. Kleinberg, 635-7900.

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**Bathurst-Wilson**
6 large rms., 2 floors, solid brick, detached, large lot; owner has bought, open to offers. Mr. Roy, 635-7900.

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Dry cleaning plant, building & equipment; good income. Owner retiring. Mr. Levin, 635-7900.

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New 3-storey duplex, good income. H. Kleinberg, 635-7900.

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1,000 sq. ft. office space, broadloomed, reasonable. Alness St. H. Kleinberg, 635-7900.
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## HOUSES FOR SALE

**Harvey Kalles** MLS 441-2888

**Sandfield-Denbow — $385,000**
New Exclusive — a quality home of great taste, impecably maintained. With all the amenities and luxuries. 9' ceilings, 2 storey entry hall. Spacious 4 bedrooms, plus 4 baths on second floor, sitting room with fireplace off master bedroom. Main floor oak panelled library and family room. Lower level completely finished. Elise Kalles 441-2888.

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**Tudor Gate-Wilket — $359,000**
New exclusive on sought after street on Bayview. Close to Granite Club. 4 bedroom ranch — all main floors command breathtaking view of garden and park. Walkout lower level, family room with fireplace. 3 car garage. Elise Kalles 441-2888.

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**Exclusive Estate — Russell Hill Road**
$900,000. We are extremely proud to offer one of Toronto's finest homes. A long sweeping drive leads to a magnificent 18 room house. All entertaining rooms have gracious proportions — the property has lovely old-world plantings. The potential extra severed lot completes this prestigious offer. Marion Alberga or Goldie Feldman 441-2888.

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**York Mills - Prestigious Neighborhood**
$369,000. This "UCCI RESALE" situated on a private ravine. 5-6 bedrooms, library plus main floor family room, 6 baths, unbelievable master suite, finished lower level walkout. Elise Kalles 441-2888.

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**Bayview Ridge — Bold, Dramatic Contemporary**
The finest in contemporary design is offered in this magnificent residence, featuring free flowing lines — outstanding construction — finest craftsmanship plus glorious views of golf course. Master suite with private study. Has library, 2 en suites and private dressing room — 7 other bedrooms, magnificent outdoor pool and pool house, this residence distinguishes itself in every way and the promise of an opulent lifestyle. Opportunity to buy at a fraction of reproduction costs $699,000. Elise Kalles 441-2888.

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**Breathtaking Contemporary On Park Lane**
We are extremely proud to offer one of the Bridlepath's finest estates. This architecturally significant residence offers spacious rooms — marble entry hall that can accommodate 200 guests. Indoor pool, private art gallery. The rugs & tapestries have been commissioned to coordinate the rooms and colour schemes. This unique property lends itself for use as one of the most luxurious private estates or could be adopted for corporate purposes. $1,300,000. Elise Kalles 441-2888.

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**Old Bridlepath — $350,000**
Storybook country manor house. Emanates pride of craftsmanship. Recently renovated — 100x300 ft. lot. Surrounded by stately trees — 3 bedrooms, family room with reclaimed brick wall & fireplace — skylight — track lighting, mission tile floor. Hilary Cohen or Elise Kalles 441-2888.

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**New Exclusive On Nomad Cr. — $450,000**
2 storey, entry hall, grand sized entertaining rooms — 5 bedrooms — walkout from family room & kitchen, commanding views of olympic sized swimming pool. A unique & beautiful property decorated by one of our foremost interior designers. The lower level done in quarry tile, 2 more bedrooms, sauna, fabulous games rooms. The best of everything. Michele Noar or Elise Kalles 441-2888.

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**$50,000 Down 11½% Open 1st — Detached Backsplit**
1st ad. New listing. Bathurst-Finch. This home offers 4 bedrooms, huge kitchen, main floor family room, self-contained basement apt...3 baths including master ensuite. Call Barbara Barker 441-2888.

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**$139,000. Don Mills-Van Horne Backsplit**
4 bedrooms, shows to perfection, ceramic tiles in kitchen & hall, main floor family room with fireplace, located on quiet court. Speak to me about great financing. Heddy Blaugh, 441-2888.

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**Wilket Road-Granite Club-Pool — $419,000**
Magnificent living room overlooking pool and garden. 5 bedrooms, a hide-a-way room with its own private staircase to lower level. Large gourmet kitchen with walkin pantry. Completely finished lower level. Marvelous home for growing family. Many exclusive extras. Elise Kalles 441-2888.

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**New Exclusive — Ravine Lot — $179,500**
Leslie-Cummer Tudor with 2 walkouts, custom built home, 4 large bedrooms, main floor family and laundry, finished lower level opens from circular staircase. Call Heidi Blaug 441-2888.

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**Harbour Square — For Sale or Rent**
Live on top of the world — view of lake, 2 bedroom apartment, master en suite, immediate possession. $119,900. Call Michelle Noar 441-2888.

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**Bathurst-Steeles — Reduced — $82,500**
Immaculate and tastefully decorated backsplit 3 bedrooms, den, huge kitchen with large breakfast room, panelled rec room with bar. Must be sold! Call Brenda Abramson 441-2888.

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**Luxury Townhome — Lower Village**
Utmost privacy on cul-de-sac yet close to all amenities, 3 bedrooms, 4 baths, master with full en suite, den or office, assume a large 10¼% mortgage. Joel Kaplansky or Iris Weinbrum 441-2888.

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**New Listing! — Don Mills-Steeles**
$122,000. Charming 3 bedroom, 2 storey home, main floor washroom and den with fireplace, combined living and dining rooms, finished rec room, 2 car garage, first offering. Call Bea Estrin or Alan Rosen 441-2888.

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**Reduced to $56,900 — Don Mills-Steeles**
Lowest price in complex. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, kingsize master en suite, separate dining room, den with walkout, 5 appliances. Joel Kaplansky or Iris Weinbrum 441-2888.

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**Bayview-Steeles Bungalow $275,000**
Situated on ½ acre lot boasting magnificent pool with change house & sauna, ultra kitchen, family room, 4 bedrooms, move-in condition. Call Bea Estrin or Allan Rosen 441-2888.

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**Bayview—Old Colony Area, 1 Acre Estate**
$299,000. Charming fieldstone bungalow, room for tennis courts plus pool. Call Carol Greenglass or Leila Taylor 441-2888.

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**Avenue Rd.-Eglinton — $175,000**
Duplex, newly renovated on quiet street containing 2 5-room apartments of 1,250 sq. ft. Luxuriously appointed, masters have ensuite & separate storage, cedar closets. Excellent mortgage. Call Judy Horvath 441-2888.

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**Misty Cr. Indoor Pool — $495,000**
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**Bathurst & Drewry**
$124,900. Well maintained brick backsplit, 8 spacious rooms, 3 bathrooms, att. garage. C.A.C., pool-size garden, original owner. First mortgage 8%. Many extras. Priced low for quick sale.
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**Lawrence Manor**
Detached side-split, three bedrooms, den, finished rec room, heated garage. Close to synagogues, schools, shopping, transportation. Asking $114,000.
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**Bathurst-Glencairn Custom Built Backsplit 10¼% Mtge.**
$179,000. Quality built, 1 yr. new, 3 bdrms., family home featuring 4 full baths, magnificent kitchen with breakfast area, master bdrm. ensuite, enormous main floor family room, central air, electronic alarm & much more. Call Mr. Newton 635-1170.

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**Open House Sun. 2-4:30**
**115 Codsell Ave.**
$119,900. Unique custom built split, 1 level, 3 or 4 bdrms., 3 baths, fabulous knotty pine kitchen, family room with wall to wall fireplace, dble. garage, near all amenities. Anne Eidlitz 635-1170.

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**Bathurst-Wilson $34,000**
3 bdrm. apt., balcony, all good sized rooms, easy terms, immediate possession. Near everything. Mr. Seidman. 635-1170.

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**Estate - Sale - Bathurst-Patricia**
**$98,900 A-1 Buy**
Don't miss. Custom modern 6 room bungalow, 3 bedrms., 2 baths, hollywood kitchen, 2 car garage, finished bsmt., near T.T.C., Synagogues, schools, Mr. Seidman 635-1170.

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**Bathurst-Sheppard $118,500**
Custom side split, 4 bdrms., den, good sized living & dining, rec room, dble. Dr., garage. Open 12% Mtge. Mrs. Seidman 635-1170.

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**Bathurst-Wilson $20,000 Down**
**1 Open Mtge. Don't Miss**
6 room brick detached bungalow, 3 bdrms., finished bsmt., garage, ideal starter. Mrs. Seidman 635-1170.

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**Patricia-Bathurst Near B'nai Torah Pride of Israel**
On a quiet court. $119,900. Best buy. 2 storey, 4 bdrms., & den, large kitchen, 8 appliances, central air. Vendor take mtge. at 11¼%. Large lot. Opportunity. Mrs. Kerbel 635-1170.

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**Bathurst-Neptune 401**
**Luxury Condo. Best Buy**
Reduced for quick sale. Vendor bought $44,500, 2 bdrm., 2 full baths, laundry room, ensuite, 5 appliances. Vendor holds mtge. at 11½%. $10,000 down. Opportunity. Mrs. Kerbel 635-1170.

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**Bayview Village $157,000 — 50'x148' Lot**
Spread your wings in this 3 plus 1 bdrm., over sized bungalow, 3 baths, 2 fireplaces, double garage. Vendor will hold 1st Mtge. Mrs. Kerbel 635-1170.

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**Bathurst-Wilson $48,900 — Southern Exposure**
Vendor's transfer forces sale of this gorgeous 2 bdrm. condo. apt., 2 full baths. Vendor will take back mtge. Mrs. Kerbel 635-1170.

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**Finch-Bathurst $139,900**
**Brick Luxury Sidesplit**
Bungalow, dble. garage, 4 bdrms., 3 baths, huge rooms, Hollywood kitchen, central air, loads of extras, excellent financing. Near all conveniences. Mrs. E. Miko. 961-4444.

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**Upper Forest Hill - $184,500**
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**Leslie-Cummer $153,500**
Just listed! Magnificent 5-bdrm. home, on quiet cul-de-sac. Features main-flr. fam. rm. w. walkout to garden, main-flr. laundry rm., large Hollywood style kitchen, dbl. garage & drive, central air, humidifier, intercom throughout. A pleasure to show. N. Budman, 484-9111.

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**Bathurst Manor — $186,500**
Impressive backsplit, 30' living rm., huge Hollywood kitchen, separate library & den, finished rec. rm., 3 bdrms. with 4pc. ensuite off master & balcony overlooking professionally landscaped garden. Burglar alarm system throughout. Double garage & drive. Sandi Halpern. 484-9111.

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**Yonge & Sheppard $112,900**
Modern yet traditional, 3 bdrms., den, Florida breakfast rm., 2 fireplaces, lots of cupboards, 2 walkouts to cedar deck overlooking your heated inground pool. First mtge. of $50,000 at 10¼%. Brian Greenspan, 484-9111.

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**Avenue Rd. & Lawrence — Bedford Glen — $89,900**
Brand new 2 bdrm., 2 storey condo with central air & 2 baths, 3 appliances, walkout from living rm. to garden plus use of exceptional recreation facilities. Vendor anxious to sell. Penny Brown, 484-9111.

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**Lawrence/Bathurst - $72,900**
A lovely 5 room bungalow. Bushie Cohen. 789-4325.

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**Glencairn/Bathurst**
Near synagogue. 4 bedrooms or 3 plus den, different layout, sizable lot. $126,900. Bushie Cohen. 789-4325.

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**Bathurst/Eglinton Tudor**
$118,500 — 3-4 bedrooms, 2 storey. Master ens., stained floors, leaded windows, breakfast nook. Judi Werger. 789-4325.

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**Dewbourne Avenue**
Centre hall, move-in shape, central air, large lot, 3 bedrooms. Bill Greisman. 789-4325.

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**Briar Hill — $227,500**
Spacious contemporary 5 bedroom house, oak panelled library — all offers considered. Barry Tsur. 789-4325.

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**Forest Hill - $189,000**
Natural wood & panelling, main floor family room & powder room, modern kitchen, centre hall plan, 2-4pc. baths, both ensuite. Barry Tsur. 789-4325.

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**Glencairn/Bathurst**
Modern 2 storey, 5 bedroom, panelled main floor library, central air, beautiful basement. Bushie Cohen 789-4325.

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$149,900. Spacious 4-bedroom, 2-storey with 2nd floor den, open fireplace in living room, 2 walk-outs to lovely garden, child-safe street. Call Shirley Sugar, 483-4337 or 633-4490.

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**Lower Village Home + Income**
$168,500. Fabulous location. Spadina & Russell Hill Rd. Live in & collect the rent. 2-2 bedroom suites. Open fireplaces. Marion Davis, 483-4337 or 646-1098.

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**John Ross Robertson — $179,000**
Most charming home on oversized 60x165 lot. Main floor family room, finished basement. Loads of potential — restore to elegance. Interested? Call Jack Solomon 483-4337 or 968-1172.

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**5 Star Rating — $129,900**
Vendor must sell! Tastefully decorated. Cedarvale home. Spacious centre hall, 4 bedrooms, den, rec. room, central air. Call Eleanor Wagman, 483-4337 or 486-7796.

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**Lower Village — Affordable Charm**
Loners & Lovers. Cheerful Forest Hill home, gas-saver location, gorgeous pool-sized garden, 3 bedrooms (master ensuite). Call Paul Slavens, 483-4337.

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**Room To Roam — $229,000**
Custom-built bungalow. 4 generous bedrooms, lower level walk-out with enormous entertainment centre, library & family room. Call David or Eleanor Wagman, 483-4337 or 486-7796.

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**6 Bedrooms — Bayview**
Superb home + inground pool. Main floor boasts ultra living room, music room, family room, office & convenience-packed kitchen. Master ensuite with sauna, whirlpool & dressing room. Lower walk-out level children's gym & rec. room. Jack or Syma Solomon, 483-4337.

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Smashing 2-storey, 4 bedroom Bayview home. Main floor powder & laundry rooms, outstanding family room, central air, separate maid's quarters + 36' inground pool. Gary Mitchel, 483-4337 or 782-9100.

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**Neptune Towers — Reduced!**
Luxury 2-bedroom with desirable Southern exposure. Ultra eat-in kitchen, 2 full baths, laundry ensuite + built-ins galore. Great 10% financing. Don't wait. Gayle Esbin, 483-4337.

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**Strathallan Woods**
**South Of Barrie - Exclusive Waterfront Lot**
102' x 403'. Asking $150,000. For details Call Marilyn Thorogood 862-0788.

**Bathurst & Finch $66,500**
3 large bdrms., plus professionally fin. bsmt. w. firepl., only 11% mtge., 5 appliances; owner returning to Israel. Located in gorgeous Forest Hill community. A real bargain. Mr. Gross, Villa Realty. 638-7090.

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**Bayview South Of Finch — Steps To TTC**
$129,900. Very spacious bungalow in popular Bayview Village. Huge kitchen, 3 pc. off master bedroom, delightful family room, 2 fireplaces, 2 car garage, central air. Barbara Glenny 449-2020, 225-2373.

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**Minutes To Downtown By Subway**
$179,900. Stunning 8-room home with terrific financing and many conveniences to aid the busy homemaker! Bright family kitchen, 4 baths, finished lower level. Mary Young, 449-2020.

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**Bathurst-Eglinton**
$154,900. New exclusive! One powder room, main family room, hollywood kitchen, 3 bedrooms, rec room, central air, lovely patio and garden. George and Annette Donnenfield 449-2020.

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**Bayview & Steeles 4 Bdrm.**
Charming 2-storey on quiet court, main-floor family room with fireplace & w/out, all large rooms; master bdrm., has 2 ensuites. Modern rec. fireplace, sauna & 3-pce. 2-door garage, nice lot. Call Ruth Straughan, 498-7100.

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**Leslie & Cummer**
Sparkling 4-bdrm. custom backsplit, central air, intercom, 6 appliances, glorious fam. w. fireplace, 3-pce. ensuite, draperies & much more. Vendor will take back 12% mtge. Leon Soberman, 498-7100.

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**Bathurst-Neptune 5-Plex**
Balconies, garages, good investment property. Call Arnie Ross 635-9945.
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**Bathurst-Wilson $71,900**
Lovely 5 rm. bungalow, modern kitchen, queen size master bdrm., finished bsmt. apt. Large 10¼% mtge. Move-in condition. Mrs. Baker, 636-5200.

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Don Mills-Steeles. Beautiful large 4 bdrm. 2 storey link, attached garage, circular staircase, 5 appliances, central air, finished bsmt. Excellent 1st mtge. Mrs. Reingold, 636-5200.
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# Classified Ads

## HOUSES FOR SALE

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**Store, Business & 2 Apartments**
**Bathurst-Lawrence**
Solid brick building. Store with 2 apartments and laundry mat - business included. $25,000 down. Vendor will hold mortgage. Terrific business, terrific location. Mrs. Solnik 789-7111.

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**Bathurst-Steeles — 9 1/8% Mortgage**
Beautiful 6 room, 2 storey townhouse in park-like setting free of traffic. Modern kitchen, finished basement, 3 baths. New upgraded broadloom, 5 appliances. Move in condition. Mrs. Solnik 789-7111.

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**Bathurst-Glencairn**
Lovely 7 rooms, ultra kitchen, 2 baths, pool sized lot, shows beautifully. Excellent financing. Mr. Frankel 789-7111.

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**Bathurst-Briar Hill Area**
Exquisite 4 bedroom centre hall, huge ultra kitchen, king size master, completely finished lower level, for more details on this spacious luxury home call Mrs. Rybak 789-7111.

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**Must Be Sold — Excellent Financing**
Leslie-Finch. $5,500 down. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 storey townhouse, 6 large rooms, main floor powder room, lower level has rec room with bar and bedroom. Steps to all conveniences and Go Train, great for downtown workers. Low carrying. Heather Sherman 789-7111.

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**Bathurst-Lawrence**
Desirable Location. This elegant 3 bedroom bungalow in move-in condition features large L-shaped living and dining room, ultra kitchen, beautifully finished basement, large lot. Mr. Messinger 789-7111.

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**19 Townhomes**
All 3 bedroom - $95,000 income 10% mortgage. $70,000 down. Mr. Messinger 789-7111.

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**Bathurst-Sheppard-Faywood Must Be Sold!**
Beautiful 5 room bungalow, ultra kitchen, finished basement, broadloom, central air, 4 appliances, pool size lot, all offers presented. Mr. Frankel 789-7111.

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**Upper Forest Hill**
Spacious custom built 2 storey. Full of charm and character. Features 4 large bedrooms, ground floor library, large and cheerful kitchen and much more. Walk to synagogues and shopping etc. To view call Mrs. Mosten 789-7111.

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**Hi, I'm a lonely,** slim, considered attractive, 55 year young widow. Likes everything life can still offer! Dancing, travelling, dining out, etc. Write if you're interested to Box 5667, CJN, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Ste. 401, Toronto, Ont. M4P 1P1. 13

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**Attractive lady widow,** a young 63, slim, average height, intelligent, financially secure. Enjoy going out, dancing and travelling as well as home life. Would like to meet a serious minded gentleman in good health, 56" and over, financially secure, 64-67, with similar interests. Reply only if interested in serious relationship. Reply with phone number to Box 5663, CJN, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Ste. 401, Toronto, Ont. M4P 1P1. 6

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**Klein, Dorothy** on Nov. 22, 1979, late of 569 Sheppard Ave. W.
**Krever, Leah** on Nov. 22, 1979, late of 2623 Bayview Ave.
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**Moll, Ely** on Nov. 15, 1979, late of 461 Douglas Ave.
**Rosenthal, Saul** on Nov. 19, 1979, late of 120 Kennard Ave.
**Rosenzweig, Charlotte** on Nov. 19, 1979, late of Lincoln Place Nursing Home.
**Rothbart, Israel** on Nov. 18, 1979, late of 55 Ameer Rd.
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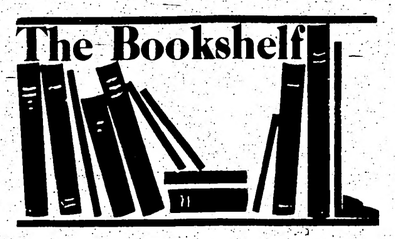
# Kafka's letters, Roth's humor among crop of fine holiday books




**Letters To Friends, Family, And Editors,**
**By Franz Kafka,**
**Translated by Richard and Clara Winston,**
**Schocken Books, N.Y.,**
**$7.95 paperback**

Letter writing is a lost art today, the telephone having replaced the pen or the typewriter. Franz Kafka, the great Czech writer, was an inveterate practitioner of the art, and in this thick volume he displays his intellect and his emotions.

The letters begin in 1900 and end in 1924 and show Kafka as a student, insurance official, writer and dying man. For the most part, the letters are detached, portraying the personal and professional side of the man.

The majority are written to his friend and biographer, Max Brod, a well-known Zionist.

Samples:

In 1913, Kafka is in Venice, apparently attending a Zionist congress. "It is hard to imagine anything more useless than such a congress," he writes. "I sat in on (it) as if it were an event totally alien to me . . ."

Three years later, in the resort of Marienbad, he writes: "Marienbad is the centre of the Jewish world, for the Rabbi of Belz is here. I have twice joined his retinue for evening walks. He alone would justify the trip . . ."

A few days later, he displays doubt about some stories — The Judgment, The Metamorphosis and In The Penal Colony — that will become landmarks in literature.

In 1917, he states that he feels very much at home with Chassidic literature, and in 1918, pleading that "I have nothing to publish," he rejects an invitation from an editor to write a magazine article.

1920 finds Kafka in a hotel in Italy. Among the guests he observes are baptized Jews whose "Jewish energies live on . . . only to be modulated in the Christian children of a Christian mother . . At the same hotel, he meets a group of anti-Semitic guests at the dinner table. "When they talk about Jewish rascality, brazenness, cowardice, they laugh with a certain admiration and, to boot, apologize to me."

**Letters To Friends, Family, and Editors** is based on the collection of **Briefs 1902-1924,** edited by Max Brod, and was translated from the original German.

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**The Ghost Writer,**
**By Philip Roth,**
**McGraw-Hill**
**$11.95 Ryerson**

Philip Roth's 11th novel confirms what we all have known for many years: the talent he possess is truly formidable.

It sounds like an autobiography but reads like a novel; the voice is that of Roth; the character speaking for him is Nathan Zukerman, a young writer whose search for a spiritual father brings him into contact with E. I. Lenoff, a literary figure probably based on Bernard Malamud.

Lonoff lives in rural, splendid isolation in the Berkshires. His wife, Hope, is an aristocrat New Englander Yankee, and his guest is a dark, attractive woman named Amy Bellette, who could be Anne Frank, reincarnated. Lonoff appears to represent the ideal of artistic independence; Hope, the fading idealism of marriage and youthful exuberance; Amy, the escape hatch for Lonoff.

Zukerman, the young Roth, is in conflict with his middle class parents and the Jewish community over a story they feel will feed anti-Semitic prejudice. Zukerman, as well as Lonoff, are finely drawn characters whom readers will long remember.

Comical, touching and insightful. **The Ghost Writer** is one of Roth's most fully realized novels.

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**Trade And Investment In The Middle East,**
**By Rodney Wilson,**
**Holmes & Meier Publishers, N.Y.**
**$19.50**

The Middle East is assuming ever-increasing importance in both economic and political terms, but the region remains uncharted to most of us trying to keep up with the daily flurry of events.

Rodney Wilson's book fills in a crucial gap in our scant knowledge. A University of Durham academic, he analyses the area's resources, manpower, agriculture, industry and, in general, its problems.

In his view, the Middle East's main problem is not one of lack of resources, but rather the inability of its rulers and technocrats to harness the immense amounts of capital at hand and to channel available labor into productive activity.

Another problem is that most of the nations of the Arab Middle East are vulnerable to fluctuations in international trade because of their reliance on one or two export items. Agriculture is mainly the victim, he says. Raw cotton is the primary crop in Egypt, Syria and Sudan, while coffee is the mainstay export in North Yemen.

Wilson believes that land reform — the semi-revolutionary cry in the 1960s — has not proven to be a panacea for the Middle East's employment and food problems. Nor, he observes, has it achieved all its political objectives.

The Arab boycott of Israel has been detrimental to the Arabs, too: intra-Arab trade has suffered owing to the closure of traditional routes through Israel. This, he explains, plays havoc with Arab attempts to solidify the Arab Common Market, established in 1964. Even today, the volume of trade between Arab states represents less than 1/20 of the area's total trade.

Wilson concludes with what perhaps is the obvious: namely, that lasting peace and the curtailment in defence spending offers the brightest hope for economic prosperity.

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**Twenty/Twenty**
**Selected by Marci Lipman and Louise Lipman**
**Lester & Orpen Dennys**
**$14.95**

In their quest to popularize Canadian art, Marci and Louise Lipman of Toronto have brought out this giant-sized book for public perusal. It is said to be the first of its kind in Canada — a book whose fine colored reproductions can be framed.

**Twenty/Twenty** is an overview of Canadian art, highlighting every region, technique, style and theme. The authors say it is the first of several books in this format.

Among the more striking reproductions: Bruce St. Clair's "Three Chairs"; Jean-Paul Lemieux's "La Visite"; Goyce Kakagemic's "Loon's Nocturnal Call"; John Lander's "Fifth Anniversary"; James Spencer's "Wave #4", and Joseph Devellano's "Free Ride".

Marci Lipman is owner of Marci Lipman Graphics, said to be Canada's major fine arts poster house. Louise works with her.

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**Harvest of Hate**
**By Leon Poliakov**
**Schocken Books, N.Y.**
**4.95 paperback**

Twenty five years ago, Leon Poliakov wrote what was then considered to be one of the better accounts of the Holocaust. The passage of time has diminished somewhat the freshness and originality of his work, but **Harvest of Hate** remains a useful text for neophytes who wish to learn about the Holocaust.

Poliakov covers the whole gamut of the tragedy that befell the Jewish people: the deportations, the labor camps, the ghettos, the wholesale massacres, Nazi plans for Europe's "inferior" races and so on.

It is light reading on a very heavy subject.

German theologian Reinhold Niebuhr provides a brief forward.

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**Surviving & Other Essays**
**By Bruno Bettelheim**
**Random House Canada**
**Alfred Knopf in U.S.**
**$19.50**

Psychologist-psychiatrist Bruno Bettelheim, a survivor of two German concentration camps, is eminently qualified to write about the effect of the Holocaust on its victims. In **Surviving & Other Essays,** the University of Chicago academic comes to grips with his subject, as well as such diverse topics as the sexual revolution, privacy, alienation and art education.

The essays are pungent and cerebreal, having been written originally as magazine pieces for the leading publications in the U.S. Despite the passage of years, they have not lost their freshness and force.

Among the essays which this reviewer found thought-provoking were "The Ignored Lessons of Anne Frank" and "Eichmann: The System, The Victims".

Bettelheim criticizes the Frank family for not having taken proper precautions to save themselves, and on this statement he builds a theory that is bound to elicit nodding agreement or sharp disagreement. "Millions of the Jews of Europe who did not or could not escape in time to go underground . . . could have at least died fighting as some did in the Warsaw Ghetto at the end, instead of passively waiting to be rounded up for their own extermination."

Some historians will take issue with Bettelheim's theory, but few will fault his intentions or intellectual bearing.

The second essay, which has shades of Hannah Arendt, posits the thesis that modern totalitarianism has some of the characteristics of the Third Reich. In a gloomy view of mankind, he goes on to assert that most people, under great stress, "deteriorate rather quickly", and that inhumanity is found both among tormentors and victims.

Unlike the first essay, the latter will arouse less controversy but just as much interest.

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**The Best of Sholom Aleichem**
**Edited by Irving Howe and Ruth Wisse**
**New Republic Books, Washington, D.C.**
**$12.50**

Sholom Aleichem, probably the greatest Yiddish writer, was a funny man with a dark underside. After conjuring up his readers' collective anxiety, he dispelled it with a laugh. Franz Kafka, the writer of sombre, supernaturalistic tales, is said to have roared with laughter after reading Aleichem.

The 22 short stories compiled in this volume, edited by Irving Howe and Ruth Wisse, are uproarious and, in a manner, serious. Twelve of them are newly translated, and three appear in English for the first time. Among the stories are "The Haunted Tailor", "Two Anti-Semites", "If I Were Rothschild", "The Guest" and "One In A Million".

The editors are eminently qualified to comment on the work of Sholom Aleichem, who died in New York in 1916. Irving Howe wrote **World Of Our Fathers;** Ruth Wisse is chairman of McGill's Jewish Studies Program.

According to Howe, Sholom Aleichem "embodies the essential values of East European Jewish culture in the very accents and rhythmns of his language, in the pauses and suggestions, the inside jokes and sly references." He wrote his amusing stories when East European Jewry had reached a high point of cultural consciousness, but was only a generation or so removed from the Holocaust.

Sholom Aleichem preserved this world of our fathers and great-grandfathers, and a good selection of his humor and pathos is contained in **The Best of Sholom Aleichem.**

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**Brother, can you spare a dime?**
**By Susan Winslow**
**Paddington Press**
**Distributed by Random House of Canada,**
**$8.75**

For anyone under 30, the Depression is like a prehistoric event. For those who were caught in its tentacles, this breakdown in capitalism seems practically like yesterday. Susan Winslow, an American film researcher, spent 2½ years looking for photos and film clips that would convey the temper of the times. Also using politicians' quotations and newspaper reports, she has created a powerful, ironic coffeetable volume that the younger generation should read.

The black-and-white photographs are excellent: Wall Street on the day of the biggest crash ever heard in America; the black despair of the unemployed; the long lines; poor black farmers in the South; dancing marathons upon which **They Shoot Horses, Don't They?** was modelled; John D. Rockefeller "generously" parting with dimes; war veterans, now unemployed, marching on the capital and soldiers dispersing them; the repeal of Prohibition; President Roosevelt, jaunty chin tilted, a cigarette in his mouth; scenes from old, favorite movies; most wanted criminal posters; farm land enveloped by the dust bowl; U.S. Nazis saluting during a rally at Madison Square Garden.

**Brother, can you spare a dime?** — that pithy question spawned by the Depression — evokes a 10-year period in U.S. history that was one of its most traumatic. The photographs are graphic and clean, the accompanying prose, funny, sad and, finally, tragic.

The Depression seems far away from our vantage point. Susan Winslow holds it up to our eyes, and we are horrified and repelled by the spectre of it all.

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**Psalmist With A Camera**
**By Gail Rubin**
**Abbeville Press**
**Methuen [In Canada]**
**$11.95**

Gail Rubin, an American photographer, was snapping pictures of birds at Ma'agan Michael when a band of Palestinian terrorists landed by rubber dinghy on a deserted beach nearby. They accosted her, questioned her and then killed her in cold blood before setting off on a hideous rampage that left 34 Israelis dead and many more wounded.

She was 40 when she was gunned down on that day in March of 1978 — a gentle, shy, innocent victim of a 60-year-old conflict that remains tangled and seemingly insoluble.

Ms. Rubin was a superb craftsman, as the color photos in **Psalmist With A Camera** demonstrate. There are photographs of flowers in the spring, of tree bark that looks like the rainbow, of romping animals, of soaring birds and of breathtaking desert landscape. Avraham Yoffe, chairman of the Israel Nature Reserves Authority employed her, and he was highly impressed by her work. Towards the end of his foreword, he writes: "I remember how stunned I was by the quality of her slides, by the play of light and shade, the clearness and sharpness of detail, and her grasp of the distinctive characteristics of the country . . ."

She loved Israel, to which she had immigrated in 1969, and her photos pay vivid testimony to her deep feelings.

With very few exceptions, all are of outstanding quality: the gash of pristine snow on the brown rock of Mount Hermon; the colored hues of Lake Hula; the stillness of Mount Sinai; the slinking red fox; the salt formations of the Dead Sea; the arid, upturned terrain of the Negev; the flowering of almonds; the flight of storks and gulls.

It's sad that Gail Rubin was cut down in the prime of her life. We are all the poorer for it.

# JFCS offers ongoing program on critical issues facing family life of all ages over many phases

By BEVERLEY STERN

In his book **Future Shock,** Alvin Toffler wrote about the development of new support systems in the community to help people absorb the shock of change in their lives.

The Jewish Family Life Education (JFLE) program, sponsored by the Jewish Family and Child Services, is such a support system.

Designed for people with everyday concerns for living, the JFLE program tackles issues of single parenting, young motherhood, middle-age, retirement, pre-marital counselling and a host of other concerns facing young and old, male or female.

During the Jewish Book Fair Week at the Jewish Community Centre, JFLE will sponsor journalist, broadcaster, and author of **Divorced Kids,** Warner Troyer, who will lead a morning seminar for single parents -- one of JFLE's most sought-after topics for discussion.

"The whole purpose of the seminar and discussion groups led by JFLE is to help normal, functioning people learn from one another -- and to build awareness," explained Elliot Larman, JFLE program co-ordinator.

"For example, in pre-marital sessions with young couples, questions are raised about male-female roles, use of a bank account, child-raising, in-laws and a lot of the little issues that become so critical if they have not been properly examined before marriage.

"For single parents, society has not provided the appropriate vehicles for adjustment," maintained Larman, a social worker with the JFCS for eight years. "An event like divorce precipitates feelings like denial, mourning, anger and guilt which are painful to handle."

His years of clinical experience showed that many single parents could not even make a phone call for help when problems with sick children or finances or baby-sitting arose. Getting back into the single life as well as relationships with the ex-spouse's family were other areas causing concern for the single parent.

Larman said that the goals of JFLE were to develop coping skills and responsibility for self -- as well as to learn the ropes of building a support system amongst friends, relatives, neighbors, parents and organizations.

People cannot handle their problems all by themselves, he emphasized. At one time, the problems arose or crisis struck. The nuclear family has to acquire the same kind of network of helpers, he asserted.

Harriet Cooper

"We try to normalize problems," he affirmed, "and even place them in their proper perspective so people don't see themselves as sick or abnormal."

Besides operating out of JFCS's two locations on Bathurst Street and in the Fairview Mall, the JFLE program goes out to synagogues, schools, the Jewish Community Centre, and countless organizations such as Hadassah and National Council of Jewish Women.

The format of most programs is small group discussion, seldom larger than 10 people, and led by a trained group facilitator. Sessions in any one category, for example, **Today's Woman** can run from six to eight meetings of about 1½ hours.

There are also one-shot programs that can be expanded for larger audiences of organizations. All JFLE programs are led by trained group discussion leaders.

One of 12 such JFLE facilitators, Harriet Cooper, graduated in May 1978 from an intensive two-year program set up by JFCS. Responding to an advertisement in the CJN August 1976, Mrs. Cooper, a mother of three, was one of over 100 applicants for the JFCS course on training group leaders for family life education.

Larman said that Mrs. Cooper was one of 14 selected for the course because of her established credibility in social service in the Jewish community.

"I felt a strong commitment to the family work of JFCS," affirmed Mrs. Cooper who was not only active in B'nai B'rith, National Council of Jewish Women, Canadian Jewish Congress, but also was one of the initiators of the women's movement for Soviet Jewry in Toronto.

Because the emphasis in family life education is on the normative rather than the therapeutic, I felt had something to give to issues of everyday family concern," said Mrs. Cooper in explaining why she applied for the JFCS course.

Preparing for a trip with another group leader this week to Niagara-on-the-Lake, Mrs. Cooper, whose children are 23, 16 and 13, said that they will be talking to a United Synagogue Youth group on a variety of youth-related topics such as relationships with parents, sexuality and drugs..

Although the Jewish Family Life Education program formally started in the Fall of 1975 with parent groups at Rockford Road Public School, the whole concept of family life education is not a new one, said Larman.

JFCS started about 12 years ago with informal, loosely-organized talks to a variety of groups, but as the demands for a more well-defined educational approach grew, JFCS responded with the JFLE program.

## Pachino named

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as Montreal program chairman and organizing a number of successful leadership training workshops.

Mrs. Pachino has done extensive work in the field of programming and education, serving on the boards of Hadassah and the Women's Branch of UOJCA.


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# *Exhibit elicits shock, curiosity*

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studied in Boston after which she was appointed decorator consultant with the American firm of Dazeens, co-ordinators for Hollywood fashion designs and fabrics. She returned to Halifax as an interior decorator, her love of texture and color transmitting itself through painting. After her marriage and the birth of her daughter, she studied under Maritime artists Jean Edmonds Hancock and Julius Zarand, among others.

Mrs. Oler's general subject matter ranges from landscapes and portraits (some on the proportion of Henry Moore's massive-bodied, small-headed figures) to abstract palette knife compositions. She refuses to sequester herself into a stylistic niche and emphasizes this with the fact that she's "not the same two days in a row."

Throughout her career as a painter, the artist has voiced her motto, "To make you see what I feel is up to me. To make you feel what I feel is up to you." She rages against the unwritten law that an artist must paint for her public and not for herself. "I was naive enough to believe that I could paint what I felt and not prostitute myself for the market," she stated flatly, referring to the lagging support for her large-scale (four feet by four feet) portrayals of stripe-suited martyrs.

Mrs. Oler almost completed exhibition arrangements with Montreal's Saidye Bronfman Centre but crating difficulties precluded our city's chance to experience the paintings that created such a stir in the Maritimes. The show, however, found acclaim with the critics who lauded Mrs. Oler for her courage in "transmitting a controversial subject, suffering, when it is so easy to find pretty objects to paint...the message is crystal clear."

Mrs. Oler's perennial **causes celebres** include the desire to propagate meaningful paintings "with a bit of meat in them" as opposed to those pieces created for purely decorative purposes, and the encouragement of young local artists. Her personal collection, hanging on her offwhite high-rise condominium walls, includes a spate of Miller Brittain works, Fred Ross drawings and Allan Wylie paintings, the latter purchased when Wylie was struggling to put bread on the table.

Mrs. Oler's longtime dream has been to display her works in a huge warehouse into which interested parties could stroll for a look into the soul of an artist with the fortitude to paint unpretty pictures.

Natalie Oder defends her controversial paintings.


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